

# Manual



## Vector Signal Generator

**R&S® SMATE200A**

**1400.7005.02**

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**Dear Customer,**

throughout this manual, the Vector Signal Generator R&S® SMATE200A is abbreviated as R&S SMATE.

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SMATE200A	1400.7005.02	Vector Signal Generator
SMATE-B10	1401.2707.02	Baseband Generator
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SMATE-B13	1401.2907.02	Baseband Main Modul
SMATE-B16	1401.2407.02	Differential I/Q Output
SMATE-B31	1401.1800.02	High Power Output for 1st RF Path
SMATE-B36	1401.2107.02	High Power Output for 2nd RF Path
SMATE-B103	1401.1000.02	Freq. Range to 3 GHz for 1st RF Path
SMATE-B106	1401.1200.02	Freq. Range to 6 GHz for 1st RF Path
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## Contents of User Documentation for Vector Signal Generator R&S SMATE200A

The user documentation describes the Vector Signal Generator R&S SMATE and all options. It includes a printed Quick Start Guide and a CD-ROM. The CD-ROM provides the complete user documentation for the vector signal generator:

The R&S SMATE is equipped with a context-sensitive online help that offers a help page for each instrument function.

### Quick Start Guide



The present quick start guide describes everything that is needed to put the instrument into operation and to get familiar with the generator. The quick start guide gives an introduction to remote control and manual control via external monitor, mouse and keyboard.

The quick start guide is subdivided into the data sheet plus 4 chapters plus index:

**The data sheet** informs about guaranteed specifications and characteristics of the instrument.

**Chapter 1** Describes the control elements and connectors on the front and rear panel as well as all procedures required for putting the instrument into operation.

**Chapter 2** Gives an introduction the operating concept and typical applications of the R&S SMATE.

**Chapter 3** Describes key operating modes, the structure of the graphical interface and the principles of manual control.

**Chapter 5** describes the basics for programming the R&S SMATE, command processing and the status reporting system.

**Annex** Contains an index for the quick start guide.

### Help System

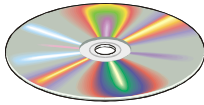


The help system is embedded in the instrument, offering quick, context-sensitive reference to the information needed for operation and programming. The help contains the complete user documentation for the vector signal generator including the contents of the present quick start guide.

To access the context-sensitive help, an external monitor and mouse must be connected to the instrument (see chapter 3 of this quick start guide).

The help files (\*.chm) are also available on the CD-ROM and can be used as a standalone help.

## Documentation CD-ROM



The CD-ROM provides the complete user documentation for the vector signal generator:

- The online help system (\*.chm).
- The complete operating manual and service manual in printable form (\*.pdf).
- The data sheet (brochure and specifications) in printable form.
- Links to different useful sites in the R&S internet.

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**Note:** Please use the ADOBE® Acrobat® Reader for PDF files and the browser Internet Explorer® 4.0 for the HTML help.

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## Operating Manual

The operating manual contains comprehensive information about the instrument functions and remote control, in addition to the chapters of the quick start guide. It includes information about maintenance of the instrument and about error detection listing the error messages which may be output by the instrument. It is subdivided into 10 chapters:

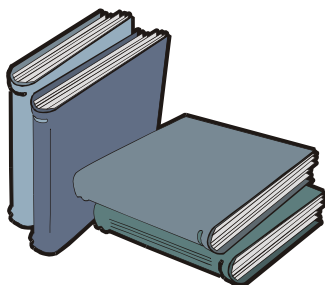
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| <b>Chapter 3</b>      | describes key operating modes, the structure of the graphical interface and the principles of manual control.   |
| <b>Chapter 4</b>      | forms a reference for manual control of the R&S SMATE and contains a detailed description of all instrument functions and their application. The chapter also lists the remote control command corresponding to each instrument function. |

<b>Chapter 5</b>	describes the basics for programming the R&S SMATE, command processing and the status reporting system.
<b>Chapter 6</b>	lists all the remote-control commands defined for the instrument. At the end of the chapter a alphabetical list of commands.
<b>Chapter 7</b>	-
<b>Chapter 8</b>	describes preventive maintenance and the characteristics of the instrument's interfaces.
<b>Chapter 9</b>	gives the status messages and a list of error messages that the R&S SMATE may generate.
<b>Chapter 10</b>	contains an index for the operating manual.

## Service Manual Instrument

The service manual - instrument informs on how to check compliance with rated specifications, on instrument function, repair, troubleshooting and fault elimination. It contains all information required for the maintenance of R&S SMATE by exchanging modules. In addition it describes how to perform a firmware update and how to install options.

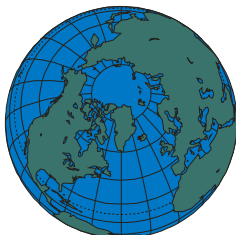
## Optional Documentation



The printed version of the operating and service manual provides the contents of the quick start manual plus the complete reference and the service information for the vector signal generator. This manual can be ordered as an option (stock no. 1401.0940.39); see ordering information in the data sheet.

**Note:** The CD-ROM contains the \*.pdf version of the manuals.

## Internet Site



The Internet site at: [R&S Vector Signal Generator R&S SMATE200A](#) provides the most up to date information on the R&S SMATE. The current operating manual at a time is available as printable PDF file in the download area.

Also provided for download are firmware updates including the associated release notes, instrument drivers, current data sheets and application notes,



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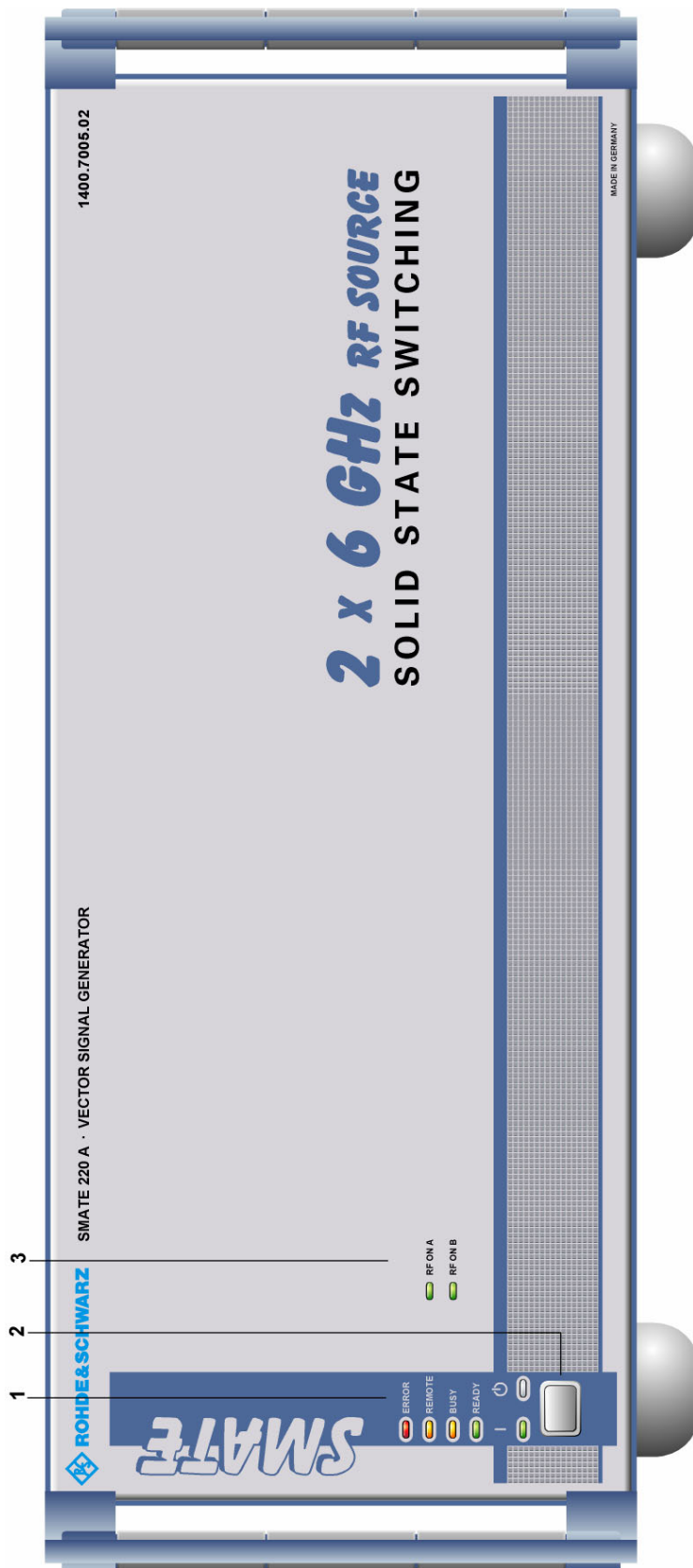


Figure 1-1 Front panel view



# 1 Putting into Operation

## Introduction - Putting into Operation

Chapter 1, "Putting into Operation" explains the control elements and connectors of the Vector Signal Generator R&S SMATE with the aid of the front and rear views and describes how to put the instrument into operation. It also describes the connection of peripherals such as printer, keyboard, mouse and monitor. A detailed description of the I/O interfaces is given in section "[Legend for Rear Panel View](#)", on page 1.4, and of the remote control interfaces in section "[Remote Control Interfaces](#)", on page 5.32. Specifications of interfaces can be seen in the data sheet.

The R&S SMATE is primarily intended to be remote-controlled via the GPIB interface or a LAN connection (see section "Switchover to Remote Control", on page 5.3.). Alternatively it is possible to control the instrument manually using an external monitor in combination with a keyboard and a mouse (see section "[Introduction - Manual Operation](#)", on page 3.1) or by accessing the instrument via the remote control desktop of an external PC (see section "[Manual Remote Control via an External Controller](#)", on page 1.29).

Several hardware control lines are provided for direct and fast access to instrument functions, e.g. to RF OFF and MOD OFF switching (see "[Legend for Rear Panel View](#)", Digital I/Q Interface).

Manual and remote control of the R&S SMATE are described in separate chapters. Background information about the settings and about the digital standards is reported in the reference chapter for manual control (Chapter 4, [Instrument Functions](#)), together with the menus that may be displayed on an external monitor.

To avoid redundancy, the reference chapter for remote control (Chapter 6) focusses on program syntax and parameter ranges but contains only a short description of the command functions.

Chapter 2, "[Getting Started](#)" gives an overview of generator functions. Detailed operating instructions and an overview of menus follow in Chapter 3, "[Manual Operation](#)". Chapter 5, "[Remote Control - Basics](#)" describes how to switchover to remote control.

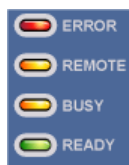
The complete manual on the CD-ROM in printable pdf-format provides chapters 4 to 9.

## Legend for Front Panel View

This section gives an overview of control elements on the front panel of the R&S SMATE. The connectors of the R&S SMATE are placed on the rear panel and are described in the following section "[Legend for Rear Panel View](#)".

As the R&S SMATE is mainly intended to be remote-controlled, the front panel of the R&S SMATE contains no display but mostly LEDs to inform the user about the status of the instrument. The user interface can be displayed on an external monitor that is either connected directly to the instrument or that belongs to a remote PC station used to manually remote control the instrument.

**1 Status LEDs for instrument state**



**ERROR** Indicates that an error occurred during operation. Only errors are indicated that impair further instrument operation, e.g. a hardware fault. The error must be eliminated before correct instrument operation can be ensured. The error can be queried with commands `SYSTem:ERRor:ALL`, `SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT]`, and `SYSTem:SERRor`.

**REMOTE** Indicates that the instrument is in remote control mode. If using an external monitor and an external keyboard, the external display remains unchanged and shows the current instrument status, i.e. the status which exists under the remote control settings. The instrument can be operated (e.g. menus can be opened). However, it is not possible to enter or change values.

**BUSY** Indicates that the instrument is booting the operating system and firmware software.

**READY** Indicates that the instrument is ready for operation after booting the instrument.

See chapter 6, section "[Setting Parameters](#)"

**2 Switch**



The on/off switch switches the instrument from the standby mode to the operating state provided the power switch on the instrument rear is switched on.

The yellow LED (right) is on in the standby mode; the green LED (left) is on when the instrument is ready for operation.

See chapter 1, section "[Switching On](#)"

**DANGER**

**Danger of shock hazard!**

The instrument is still power-supplied while it is in standby mode.



**3 Status LEDs for RF outputs**



**RF ON A** Indicates that RF output A on the rear of the instrument is switched on.

**RF ON B** Indicates that RF output B on the rear of the instrument is switched on.

See data sheet



## Legend for Rear Panel View

This section gives an overview of connectors on the rear panel of the R&S SMATE. Each connector is briefly described and a reference is given to the chapters containing detailed information. For technical data of the connectors refer to the data sheet. If a connector of a two-path instrument is available for one path only (e.g. path A) or for either of the two (path A or B), a note is made in the brief description.

### 1 RF outputs A and B



Outputs for RF signal of path A and B.

See data sheet

#### ATTENTION Maximum Input Levels



Do not overload the RF output. The maximum permissible back-feed is specified in the data sheet.

### 2 LAN interface



LAN

Ethernet interface

- For integrating signal generators in a network
  - Remote control of signal generator
  - Input of external asynchronous data
  - Manual remote control of signal generator
- Firmware update

See data sheet and chapter 1, section "[Connecting the R&S SMATE to a Network \(LAN\)](#)", on page 1.21, section "[Manual Remote Control via an External Controller](#)" on page 1.29, and chapter 5, section "[Remote Control via LAN Interface](#)" on page 5.5.

### 3 Ventilation slots

#### ATTENTION



#### **Risk of Instrument Damage through Overheating**

*Ventilation slots must not be obstructed. Make sure that the air can escape freely through the vents at the rear. The minimum distance to the wall should be at least 10 cm.*

See chapter 1, section "[General Precautions](#)" and data sheet

**4 AC supply**

Power switch

Power connector

AC power connector.

When the R&S SMATE is connected to the AC supply, it automatically sets itself to the correct range for the applied voltage (range: see type label). There is no need to set the voltage manually or change fuses.

Power switch.

The power switch can be set to two positions.

- 0** The instrument is disconnected from the mains
- I** The instrument is power-supplied. It is either ready for operation (STANDBY) or in operating mode, depending on the position of the ON/STANDBY switch on the instrument front

See chapter 1, section "[Connecting the R&S SMATE to the AC Supply](#)" and data sheet

**5 Reference signal output**

REF OUT  
Output for external reference signal

See data sheet and chapter 4, section "[RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator](#)"

**6 Reference signal input**

REF IN  
Input for external reference signal (the external reference is used for both paths)

See data sheet and chapter 4, section "[RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator](#)"

**7 Clock signal input/output**

CLOCK IN  
Input for external clock signal (bit or symbol clock, multiple of symbol clock) for synchronizing the external data signal in case of multivalent modulation. The active edge can be set (path A only).

CLOCK OUT  
Output for internal (bit or symbol) clock signal (path A, the internal clock signal of path B can be output at one of the USER interfaces)

See data sheet and chapter 4, section "[Data and Signal Sources in Baseband](#)"

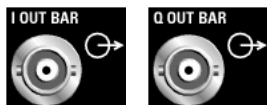
**8 LF output**



LF OUT Output for internal LF generator signal (path A only).

See chapter 4, section "[LF Generator and LF Output - LF Output](#)" and data sheet

**9 Differential I/Q outputs**



I OUT BAR/ Q OUT BAR Differential (inverting) outputs for analog I/Q signal either from path A or path B.

See data sheet and chapter 4, section "[Impairment of Digital I/Q Signal](#)"

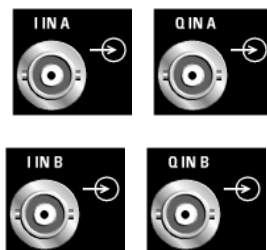
**10 Single ended or differential I/Q outputs**



I OUT / Q OUT Single-ended or differential (non-inverting) outputs for analog I/Q signal either from path A or path B.

See data sheet and chapter 4, section "[Impairment of Digital I/Q Signal](#)"

**11 I/Q signal input**



I IN A/B and Q IN A/B Input for external analog modulation signal in case of I/Q modulation (independent for RF path A and B) or Input for external analog baseband signal (option B17, Baseband Input)

See data sheet and chapter 4, sections "[Data and Signal Sources in Baseband](#)", "[I/Q Settings Menu](#)", and

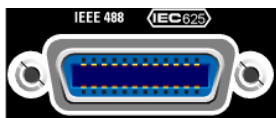
**12 Input for external modulation signal**



EXT MOD IN A/B Input for external analog modulation signals for amplitude, frequency, phase and pulse modulation (independent for RF path A and B)

See data sheet and chapter 4, section "[Modulation Sources](#)"

**13 IEC/IEEE-bus connector**



IEC 625/IEEE 488 IEC-bus (IEEE 488) interface for remote control of the R&S SMATE

See data sheet and section "[Remote Control via IEC/IEEE Bus](#)", on page 5.3

**14 USB interface type B**



USB (universal serial bus) interface of type B (device USB).

See data sheet

- Input for external asynchronous modulation data (path A only)

The interface establishes a connection to the DACIF module.

If required, separate drivers can be developed for this interface. The device ID required in this case is 11 (HEX) for remote control and 12 (HEX) for the transmission of modulation data. The vendor ID is AAD (HEX).

**15 USB connectors type A**



USB (universal serial bus) interfaces of type A (host USB).

See chapter 1, section "[Connecting the Mouse](#)", , on page 1.19 and section "[Connecting an External Keyboard](#)", on page 1.19

- Connection of peripherals such as mouse, keyboard, printer
- Connection of memory stick for file transmission
- Firmware update

The interface establishes a connection to the controller.

**16 Monitor**



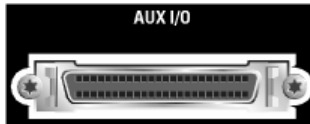
MONITOR

See data sheet and chapter 1, section "[Connecting an External Monitor](#)"

The 15-pin Sub-D female connector is intended for connecting an external VGA monitor.

Pin	Signal
1	Red (output)
2	Green (output)
3	Blue (output)
4 / 11 / 12 / 15	Not connected
5... 10 - ⊥	Ground
13	HSYNC (output)
14	VSYNC (output)

## 17 AUX I/O interface



See chapter 4, section "Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings – Setup - Environment" and data sheet

**AUX I/O**  
Parallel input/output for data signals as well as settable trigger and control signals of the baseband. Input for device trigger for path B.

Assignment of the AUX I/O interface and of USER pins, and the arbitrary assignment of pins to path A or B can be configured in the **Setup** menu under **Environment - Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs - USER Marker / AUX I/O Settings**.

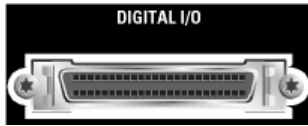
An adapter of the AUX I/O interface to coaxial BNC connectors is available as an accessory (R&S SMATE-Z5, see data sheet).

Connection	Description
1... 25 - ⊥	Ground
26 - LEV ATT	Signal input/output for controlling the level attenuation (path A only). With active envelope curve control, this signal determines whether or not the signal level is attenuated. With external envelope curve control ( <b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> only), the pin is the input for the control signal LEV_ATT. With internal envelope curve control, the control signal LEV_ATT is output for Path A. With two-path instruments, the signal for path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.
27 - CW MODE	Signal input for controlling the switchover between the modulated and unmodulated RF signal with activated external modulation/CW switching in the <b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> menu (CW control signal, path A and/or path B).  Signal output for the CW control signal with internal source selected. This signal marks the CW mode in which digital modulation is deactivated and the RF signal is output in unmodulated form. In the case of digital standards with selectable modulation mode, the signal indicates the active modulation mode (GSM: (G)MSK = high, 8PSK EDGE = low)
28 - INST TRIG B	Input for external triggering of the analog modulations, sweeps and List mode. HOP input for controlling the frequency hopping mode with external source in List mode (Path B). The instrument trigger input for Path A is input via the connector DIGITAL I/O.
29 - PARDATA0 ...	Parallel data input/output 0...D with 10-bit word width for digital modulation. If the data source "external parallel" is selected, these pins are the data inputs. If a different data source is selected, the data is output here ( <b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> , Path A).
38 - PARDATA9	



Connection	Description
39 - USER 3	<p>USER input/output which can be configured for various purposes The following signals can be applied at the connector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Marker 4</b> (output Path A or B).</li> <li>- <b>CW Mode Out</b> (output Path A or B).</li> <li>- <b>No Signal (Blank) Marker</b> (output Path A or B). This signal marks the blank time in the List mode.</li> <li>- <b>HOP</b> (output path A or B). This signal marks the trigger for frequency hopping in the List mode.</li> <li>- <b>Trigger</b> (output path A or B). This signal marks the trigger event caused by the selected trigger signal (internally or externally) of path A or B.</li> </ul> <p>Additional signals for path B are available in the case of two-path instruments. The corresponding signals for Path A are applied at the pins of the AUX I/O or DIGITAL I/O interface (Clock Out).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Clock Out</b> (output Path B; bit or symbol clock pulse). This signal corresponds to the clock signal for digital modulations.</li> <li>- <b>LEV ATT</b> (input/output path B).</li> <li>- <b>BURST (input/output path B).</b></li> </ul>
40 - USER 4	USER input/output which can be configured for various purposes (see above, USER 3).
41 - MARKER 3	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 3 of Path A. The output is permanently assigned.
42 - MARKER 2 B	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 2 of Path B.
43 - MARKER 3 B	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 3 of Path B. The output is permanently assigned.
44 - not used	Pin is not used.
45 - BURST	<p>Signal input/output for controlling the burst ramp (Path A).            With external envelope curve control (<b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> only), the pin is the input for the control signal BURST_RAMP. With internal envelope curve control, the control signal BURST_RAMP is output for Path A.            With two-path instruments, the signal for Path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.</p>
46 - EXT TUNE	Tuning input for the internal reference frequency.
47 - BITCLK	<p>Output Bit clock for internal mode (Path A only).            With two-path instruments, the signal for Path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.</p>
48 - USER 2	USER input/output which can be configured for various purposes (see above, USER 3).
49 - SYMBCLK	<p>Symbol clock output for internal mode (Path A only).            With two-path instruments, the signal for Path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.</p>
50 - not used	Pin is not used.

## 18 Digital I/O interface



See chapter 4, section "Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings – Setup - Environment" and data sheet

**DIGITAL I/O**

Input/output for serial data of digital signals as well as settable trigger and control signals of the baseband. Input for device trigger for path A.

Assignment of most of the pins of the DIGITAL I/O interface is permanent and cannot be changed. Some of the pins are assigned the same input/output as pins of the AUX I/O interface, e.g. CLK OUT. This is provided to enable the use of a single connector for the input of parallel or serial data.

Assignment of the USER pin can be configured in the **SETUP** menu under **Environment - Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs - USER Marker / AUX I/O Settings** (command :OUTPut:USER).

An adapter of the DIGITAL I/O interface to coaxial BNC connectors is available as an accessory (R&S SMATE-Z5, see data sheet).

Connection	Description
1... 25 - ⊥	Ground
26 - TRIGGER 1	Input for triggering digital modulations, digital standards and ARB (paths A and/or B).
27 - TRIGGER 2	Input for triggering digital modulations and standards and ARB (paths A and/or B).
28 - MARKER 1	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 1 of path A for triggering and control of external devices.
29 - MARKER 2	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 2 of path A for triggering and control of external devices.
30 - MARKER 1 B	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 1 of path B for triggering and control of external devices.
31 - USER 1	Input/output for configurable signals for triggering and control. The following signals can be applied to the connector: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marker 3/4 (path A or B)</li> <li>- Clock Out (path B, bit or symbol)</li> <li>- CW mode Out (path A/B)</li> <li>- No signal (blank) marker (path A/B)</li> <li>- HOP (path A/B)</li> </ul>

More USER input/outputs are available on the AUX I/O interface.

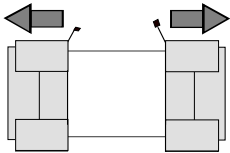
Connection	Description
32 - INST TRIG A	Input for external triggering of the analog modulations, sweeps and List mode. HOP input for controlling the frequency hopping mode with external source in List mode (path A). The instrument trigger for path B is input via the connector AUX I/O.
33 - CLK OUT	Output for internal (bit or symbol) clock signal (path A, the internal clock signal of path B can be output at one of the USER interfaces). This output is also provided via the connector AUX I/O to enable the use of a single connector for the input of parallel data.
34 - DATA	Serial data input/output for digital modulation of path A. If the data source "external serial" is selected, these pin is the data input. If an internal data source is selected, the data is output here ( <b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> , path A).
35...38 - not used	Pins are not used.
39 - OPC A	Output for Operation Complete signal of path A. Active High signals that all remote control commands have been executed. The output is always active.
40 - RF OFF A	Input for fast switching of the RF output A (see chapter 4, section " <a href="#">Level - EMF Menu</a> ").  The input must be activated in the <b>Level/EMF</b> menu or via remote control command. Active High (1) switches the RF output off. A subsequent Active Low (0) switches the RF output on again. The RF Output must be switched on when the input is activated, otherwise the control signal has no effect on the status of the RF Output. Switching is performed very fast (10µs). However, the attenuation of the switched off output is considerably less than after regular switch-off, because the connection between the RF output and attenuator is not interrupted.
41 - MOD OFF A	Input for fast switching of I/Q modulator of path A (see chapter 4, section " <a href="#">Level - EMF Menu</a> ").  The input must be activated in the <b>Level/EMF</b> menu or via remote control command. Active High (1) switches the modulations off. A subsequent Active Low (0) switches the modulations on again. The modulations must be switched on when the input is activated, otherwise the control signal has no effect on the status of the modulations. Switching is performed very fast (10µs). The control signal has no effect on the status of the digital modulations in the baseband block or of the analog modulation of the RF block. An exception is broadband amplitude modulation which uses the I/Q modulator.
42 - OPC B	Output for Operation Complete signal of path B. This signal indicates that all remote control commands have been executed. The line is always active.
43 - RF OFF B	Input for fast switching off the RF output B (see pin 40).
44 - MOD OFF B	Input for fast switching off I/Q modulation and broadband amplitude modulation of path B (see pin 41).
45 - FHOP_DATA	Data input for Fast Hop list mode (see chapter 4, section " <a href="#">List Mode</a> ")
46 - FHOP_CLK	Clock input for Fast Hop list mode (see chapter 4, section " <a href="#">List Mode</a> ").
47 - FHOP_STRB	Strobe input for Fast Hop list mode (see chapter 4, section " <a href="#">List Mode</a> ").
48...50 - not used	Pins are not used.

## Putting into Operation

The following section describes the procedure for putting of the instrument into operation and the connection of peripherals such as printer and monitor. It contains general safety instructions for instrument operation.

The installation of options and the firmware update are described in Chapter 4 of the Service Manual (supplied with the instrument on the CD-ROM).

### Unpacking the Instrument



Remove protective covers

- Remove the instrument from its packaging and check the equipment for completeness using the delivery note and the accessory lists for the separate items.
- Remove the two protective covers from the front and rear panel of the signal generator and carefully check the instrument for damage.
- If there is damage, immediately contact the carrier who delivered the instrument. In this case, make sure not to discard the box and packing material.
- The original packaging is also useful for transporting or shipping the signal generator later on. It is recommended to keep at least the two protective caps for front and rear side in order to prevent damage to the controls and connectors.

### Installing the Instrument in a 19" Rack

The instrument is designed for indoors use in a 19" rack.

A rack adapter or an adapter for telescopic sliders (refer to data sheet for Order No.) is required for installation in a 19" rack. The mounting instructions are supplied with the adapter.

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**CAUTION****Risk of overheating!**

To less airflow for cooling may cause overheating of the instrument.

Prior to putting the instrument into operation always check for space between the ventilation holes and the rack casing to get sufficient air supply in the rack.

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## Safety Instructions

### General Precautions

**ATTENTION****Instrument damage caused by disregarding the following precautions!**

Any non-compliance with the following precautions may cause damage to the instrument. Prior to putting the instrument into operation, check the following:

- ◆ The covers of the housing are in place and screwed on.
- ◆ Vents are not obstructed. Make sure that the air can escape freely through the vents at the rear and at the sides. The minimum distance to the wall should therefore be at least 10 cm.
- ◆ The signal levels at the inputs do not exceed permissible limits.
- ◆ The outputs of the instrument are not overloaded or incorrectly connected. This particularly applies to the maximum permissible back-feed at the outputs, which is specified in the data sheet
- ◆ The instrument should only be operated in horizontal position on an even surface.
- ◆ The ambient temperature must not exceed the range specified in the data sheet.

Please also observe the instructions in the following sections and the general safety instructions at the beginning of this manual.

### Protection against Electrostatics

**ATTENTION****Risk of instrument damage caused by electrostatic discharge!**

To avoid damaging the electronic components of the EUT due to electrostatic discharge produced by contact, the use of appropriate protective measures is recommended.

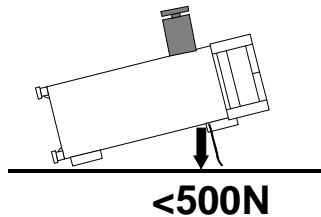
### EMC Safety Precautions

To avoid electromagnetic interference, only suitable, shielded signal and control cables must be used (see recommended extras).

## Setting up the Instrument

**WARNING****Danger of injury!**

- ◆ Stacked **instruments** may slip off.  
**Secure stacked instruments against slipping** (e.g. by locking the feet to the top of the front-panel frame).  
The feet must be fully folded in or folded out. Only then a stable position of the instrument and reliable operation can be ensured. The uniform pressure on the folded-out feet must not exceed 500 N (weight of instrument and of equipment stacked on top).
- ◆ When the instrument with expanded feet, the feet might collapse and fold in.  
**Do not shift the instrument with the feet out.**



## Cleaning the Outside and Storing

What is necessary is essentially the cleaning of the instrument.

**ATTENTION****Risk of instrument damage caused by cleaning agents!**

- Cleaning agents contain substances that may damage the instrument, e.g. solvent-containing cleaning agents may damage the front panel labeling or plastic parts.
- Never use cleaning agents such as solvents (thinners, acetone, etc), acids, bases, or other substances.
- The outside of the instrument is suitably cleaned using a soft, line-free dust cloth.

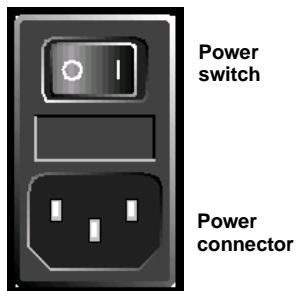
## Connecting the R&S SMATE to the AC Supply

The R&S SMATE is automatically matched to the applied AC voltage (see rear panel). There is no need to set the voltage manually or change fuses. The AC supply connector is at the rear of the unit (see below).

The nominal voltage and frequencies ranges are displayed on the rear panel and quoted in the data sheet

Since the instrument is in compliance with safety class EN61010-1, it should only be connected to a socket with earthing contact.

## Switching On



- Connect the signal generator to the AC supply by means of the supplied power cable.
- Press the main power switch at the rear of the instrument to position I.
- After power-up the instrument is either ready for operation (STANDBY) or in operating mode, depending on the position of the ON/STANDBY switch on the instrument front (see below).

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**Note:** *The power switch may remain on for any period of time. Switching off is required only if the instrument should be completely isolated from the AC supply.*

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- Press the ON/STANDBY switch on the front panel; the green LED must be on.
- The instrument is ready for operation. All modules in the instrument are supplied with power.

## Booting the R&S SMATE

After instrument switch-on, the Windows XP Embedded operating system and subsequently the instrument firmware boots. During booting of the instrument firmware, a selftest is performed. On the front panel LED **BUSY** indicates that the instrument is booting.

After booting is completed, the front panel LED **READY** indicates that the instrument is ready to be operated. The settings that were active before the last switch-off are established.

If an external monitor is connected to the instrument, the installed BIOS version and the processor characteristics are indicated for a few seconds in the start display after instrument switch-on. After booting is completed, the block diagram of the signal generator is displayed and the instrument is ready to be operated.

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**Note:** *If the software stops unexpectedly, the instrument can be rebooted by pressing the STANDBY key for approx. 5 s.*

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## Switching Off



- Press the ON/STANDBY switch on the front panel.

The R&S SMATE stores the current setting on the hard disk before it shuts down the Windows operating system. Then the AC supply is switched to the STANDBY mode.

- Only the AC supply is powered and the oven-controlled crystal oscillator is kept at operating temperature.
- The yellow LED must be on.

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### DANGER

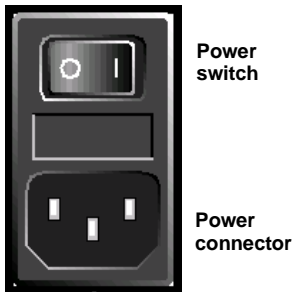


### Danger of shock hazard!

The instrument is still power-supplied while it is in standby mode.

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Do the following only if the instrument is completely disconnected from the AC supply:



- Press the main power switch at the rear of the instrument to position 0. None of the front-panel LEDs should be on.

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**Note:** *It is recommended to switch the instrument to STANDBY mode before completely disconnecting it from the AC supply. If the power switch is set to 0 before the instrument is switched to the standby mode, all current settings are lost.*

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## Function Check

The signal generator automatically monitors the main functions when the instrument is switched on and continuously during operation.

If a fault is detected, the front panel LED **ERROR** indicates the error state. The error can be queried with commands `SYSTem:ERRor:ALL`, `SYSTem:ERRor[:NEXT]`, and `SYSTem:SERRor`. See Chapter 6, section "[System Subsystem](#)" and Chapter 9, [Error Messages](#)".

If an external monitor is connected to the instrument, ERROR is displayed in the info line together with a brief error description.

For in-depth identification of the error, press the **INFO** key. In response, a description of the error(s) is displayed (see

Besides automatic monitoring of instrument functions, other capabilities in the R&S SMATE ensure correct functioning of the vector signal generator.

### - Internal Adjustments

Adjustments can be performed with commands of the CALibrate Subsystem or in the **Setup-System-Internal Adjustments** menu (with external monitor and keyboard). Thus maximum level accuracy can be obtained, for instance. See Chapter 6, section "[Calibration Subsystem](#)" and Chapter 4, section "[Internal Adjustments - Setup-System](#)".

### - Test points

Internal test points can be queried by the user with commands of the DIAGnostic Subsystem or in the **Setup-Test-Test Points** menu (with external monitor and keyboard). See Chapter 6, section "[Diagnostic Subsystem](#)" and Chapter 4, section "[Test Point... - Setup-Test](#)".

## Default Settings

The instrument is set to a defined state with common command `*RST` or the **ALT** + **P** key combination on an external keyboard.

RF frequency	1 GHz
RF level	OFF
Reference frequency	internal, adjustment off
Offsets	0
Modulations	switched off
Uninterrupted level setting	switched off; level attenuator mode: AUTO
Internal level control	Level ALC: AUTO
User correction	Level Ucor: OFF
LF output	switched off
Sweep	switched off
LIST mode	switched off
IEC/IEEE-bus address	not changed

With preset, all parameters and switch states are preset, including those of deactivated operating modes.

Presettings beyond those in the above list can be seen in the preset tables in Chapter 4 or from the `*RST` values of the associated IEC/IEEE-bus commands.

# Windows XP Embedded

**ATTENTION****Possible impairment of the functioning of the instrument**

The instrument is equipped with the Windows XP Embedded operating system. It is thus possible to install COTS software in the instrument. The use and installation of commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) software may impair the instrument function. For this reason, we recommend that you only execute programs tested by Rohde&Schwarz with regard to their compatibility with the instrument software.

The following program packages have been tested.

- R&S Power Viewer (virtual power meter for displaying results of the Power Sensor R&S NRP-Zxx)
- Windows XP Remote Desktop
- Symantec Norton AntiVirus – Virus-protection software

In certain cases, the use of these programs can impair the performance of the instrument.

The drivers and programs used in the instrument under Windows XP Embedded have been adapted to the test instrument. Existing instrument software must only be modified with update software released by Rohde & Schwarz.

Chapter 4 of the service manual (on the CD-ROM delivered with the instrument) describes how the instrument software can be restored in case of a program crash by using the recovery function.

The signal generator is equipped with the Windows XP Embedded operating system. The configuration of the operating system is optimally adapted to signal generator functions in the factory. Changes in the system setup are only required when peripherals like a printer is installed or in the event that the network configuration does not comply with the default settings (see section "[Connecting the R&S SMATE to a Network \(LAN\)](#)").

After power-up of the signal generator, the operating system boots and the instrument firmware is started automatically without a password query (auto login).

**Note:** *Auto login is performed with the user name and the password "instrument". The standard user has administrator rights so that printer and network installations are possible.*

The operating system can only be accessed if an external keyboard and/or a mouse and an external monitor are connected, an access via remote control commands is not possible. Windows XP provides an on-screen keyboard that can be operated using a mouse, thus enabling operation by mouse only. An external keyboard is recommended for extensive entries.

System settings under Windows XP can be made in the **Start - Control Panel** menu (for required settings refer to the Windows XP manual and to the hardware description).

The Windows XP start menu is opened with the **Windows** key (next to the Ctrl key) or with key combination CTRL-ESC on the external/on-screen keyboard. In this menu the Windows XP programs can be called. Some of the programs are also placed as symbols on the Windows task bar and can be called directly by double-clicking the associated symbol. The Windows XP desktop including the task bar is displayed when moving the mouse to the bottom of the display.



The instrument display with block diagram, header and Winbar is displayed in the foreground by double-clicking the **Block Diagram**, **StatusBar** and **TaskBar** buttons in the Windows task bar.

The R&S SMATE does not contain a disk drive. Data is exchanged via a memory stick connected to a USB interface. An unused disk drive letter is automatically assigned to the memory stick. Data can be transferred in Windows Explorer.

#### Energy saving mode:

An energy saving mode is a default setting in the R&S SMATE. The hard disk switches to power-save mode if it is not accessed for 30 minutes. The energy-saving mode is exited by accessing the hard disk anew.

## Connecting an External Keyboard

A commercial, external keyboard with USB interface can be connected to the R&S SMATE. A keyboard is a prerequisite for manual control of the instrument and for operation of Windows XP without a Remote Desktop connection to an external PC.

The keyboard is connected to a USB interface, type A, on the rear panel of the instrument.

1    USB    2



The keyboard is detected automatically when it is connected. The UK keyboard assignment is the default setting. The keyboard assignment and special settings such as the refresh rate can be changed in the **Start - Control Panel - Keyboard** or **Regional and Language Options** menu of Windows XP. The menu can be accessed by pressing the **Windows** key on the external keyboard.

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**Note:** A keyboard emulation can be called from the Windows XP operating system (START - Programs - Accessories - Accessibility - On-Screen Keyboard). With the On-Screen Keyboard it is possible to manually operate the instrument using the mouse only.

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## Connecting the Mouse

A commercial mouse with a USB interface can be connected to the R&S SMATE. A mouse simplifies control of the block diagram and of associated menus in manual control. It is sufficient for operation of Windows XP when used together with the on-screen keyboard.

The mouse is connected to one of the USB interfaces on the rear panel of the instrument.

1    USB    2



The mouse is detected automatically when it is connected. Special settings such as mouse cursor speed etc, can be made in the **Start - Control Panel - Mouse** menu of Windows XP. The menu can be accessed by pressing the **Windows** key on the external keyboard.

## Connecting an External Monitor

**ATTENTION****The monitor and the R&S SMATE may be damaged!**

Connecting the monitor without switching off the instrument may damage the monitor and the R&S SMATE.

The monitor must be connected only when the instrument is switched off (STANDBY).

The screen driver (Display type) and the display configuration must not be modified.

An external monitor with an analog interface can be connected to the MONITOR connector on the rear panel of the R&S SMATE. An external monitor is a prerequisite for manual control of the instrument and for operation of Windows XP without a Remote Desktop connection to an external PC.

**Connection**

Before the external monitor is connected, the instrument must be switched off (standby mode) to prevent damage to the monitor and the R&S SMATE. After connection, the external monitor is detected when the instrument is started. The generator screen with all elements, e.g. block diagram, Winbar, etc, is then displayed on the external monitor and on the R&S SMATE. Further settings are not required.

## Connecting the R&S SMATE to a Network (LAN)

The R&S SMATE is equipped with a network interface and can be connected to an Ethernet LAN (local area network).

Provided the appropriate rights have been assigned by the network administrator and the Windows XP firewall configuration is adapted accordingly, files can be transmitted via the network, and network resources, e.g. a network folders, can be used. The instrument can also be remote-controlled and manually controlled in the network.

Manual network control means that the user can operate the R&S SMATE from any remote PC in the network via the **Remote Desktop Connection** which is provided for Windows PCs or via the **Ultr@VNC** connection which is provided for Linux/Unix and Windows PCs. For instance, the user can control one or more R&S SMATEs from a desk that is part of a test assembly located in another section of the building (see section "[Manual Remote Control via an External Controller](#)", on page 1.31).

Remote-control of the instrument via the LAN interface is described in section "LAN Connector", on page 5.35.

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**Important:** *In contrast to file transfer via LAN which requires only a partial permission (exception) in the firewall, remote control via LAN is only possible if the firewall is completely switched off. Therefore, the firewall settings for remote control differ from the firewall settings for file transfer (see section [Switchover to Remote Control](#)).*

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A firmware update via the LAN interface is described in chapter 2 of the service manual (on CD-ROM).

### Connection to the Network

#### ATTENTION



#### Risk of network errors!

Connecting errors may affect the entire network.

We recommend to coordinate the connection of the instrument to the network with the network administrator.

Do not connect or disconnect the network cable until the instrument is switched off (standby). Only then the network connection can be reliably detected and impairments to instrument operation can be avoided.

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The instrument is connected to the LAN with the aid of a commercial RJ-45 cable suitable for a 10/100/1000Mbps connection attached to the LAN interface at the rear of the instrument.



## Configuring the R&S SMATE for Network Operation

The network interface functions with 10/100/1000Mbps Ethernet IEEE 802.3u. The TCP/IP network protocol and the associated network services are preconfigured.

For data exchange in a LAN, each connected PC or instrument must be accessible via an IP address or via an unambiguous computer name. In addition, network access of the different users is organized by the assignment of access rights.

Access rights determine which of the available network resources, e.g. data logging systems, are available to the R&S SMATE.

The Window XP operating system is protected by an activated firewall per default. The configuration of the firewall has to be adapted according to the required network communication needs.

### Networks using DHCP

The R&S SMATE is preconfigured for networks using DHCP (dynamic host configuration protocol). In these networks, an available IP address is automatically assigned to the R&S SMATE. In this case the generator is identified via an unambiguous computer name in the network.

Each R&S SMATE is assigned a individual computer name in the factory. This name can be queried and changed in the **Start - My Computer** menu of Windows XP (see "[Query Computer Name](#)" below).

### Networks using fixed IP addresses

In networks using fixed IP addresses, the addresses are mostly assigned by the network administrator. A fixed IP address must be entered in the **Start - Control Panel** menu of Windows XP .

### Point-to-Point Connection

To build a simple network – just an LAN connection between the R&S SMATE and a controller without integration into a larger network – an IP address has to be assigned to the R&S SMATE and the controller. For such purposes, the IP addresses 192.168.xxx.yyy are available .The value range for xxx and yyy is 1...254, the value for the subnet mask is always 255.255.255.0.

For this type of connection, a commercial cross-over RJ-45 cable is used.

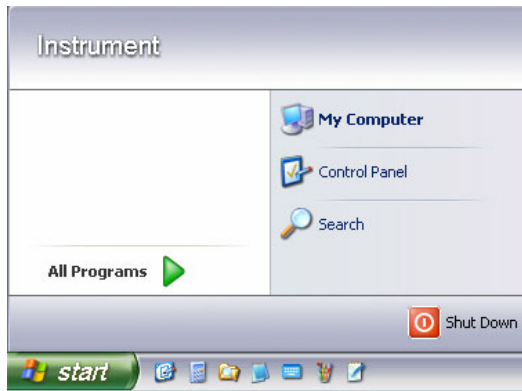
### User name and pass word

The user "**instrument**" is assigned to the R&S SMATE. The user name is used for auto-login when the instrument is started and for manual remote-control. The password is also "**instrument**". By assigning the respective rights, the network administrator decides which directories and resources in the network can be accessed by the R&S SMATE.

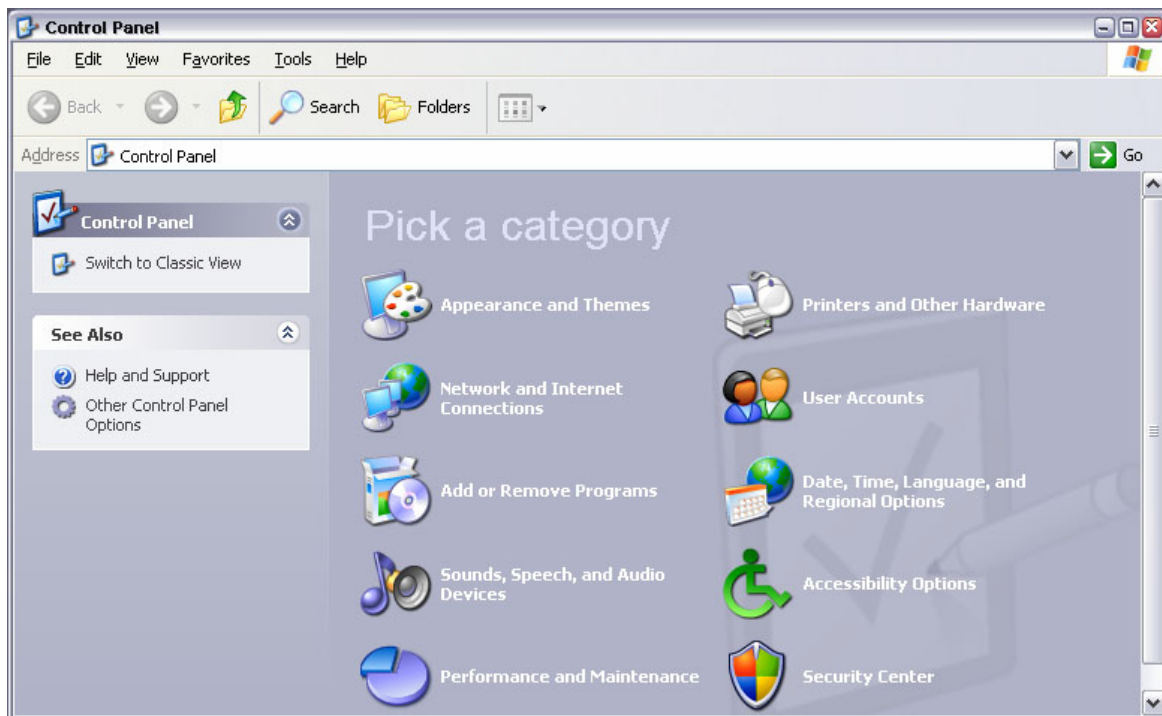
The configuration of the R&S SMATE for networking is performed in the Windows XP embedded menus. The operating system can only be accessed if an external keyboard and/or mouse and a external monitor are connected. Operation by mouse only without the external keyboard is possible if the on-screen keyboard is used. To ensure recognition of the external devices, the instrument has to be switched off prior to connecting them.

1. Switch off instrument
2. Connect external keyboard and/or mouse and external monitor to the USB interface.
3. Switch on instrument

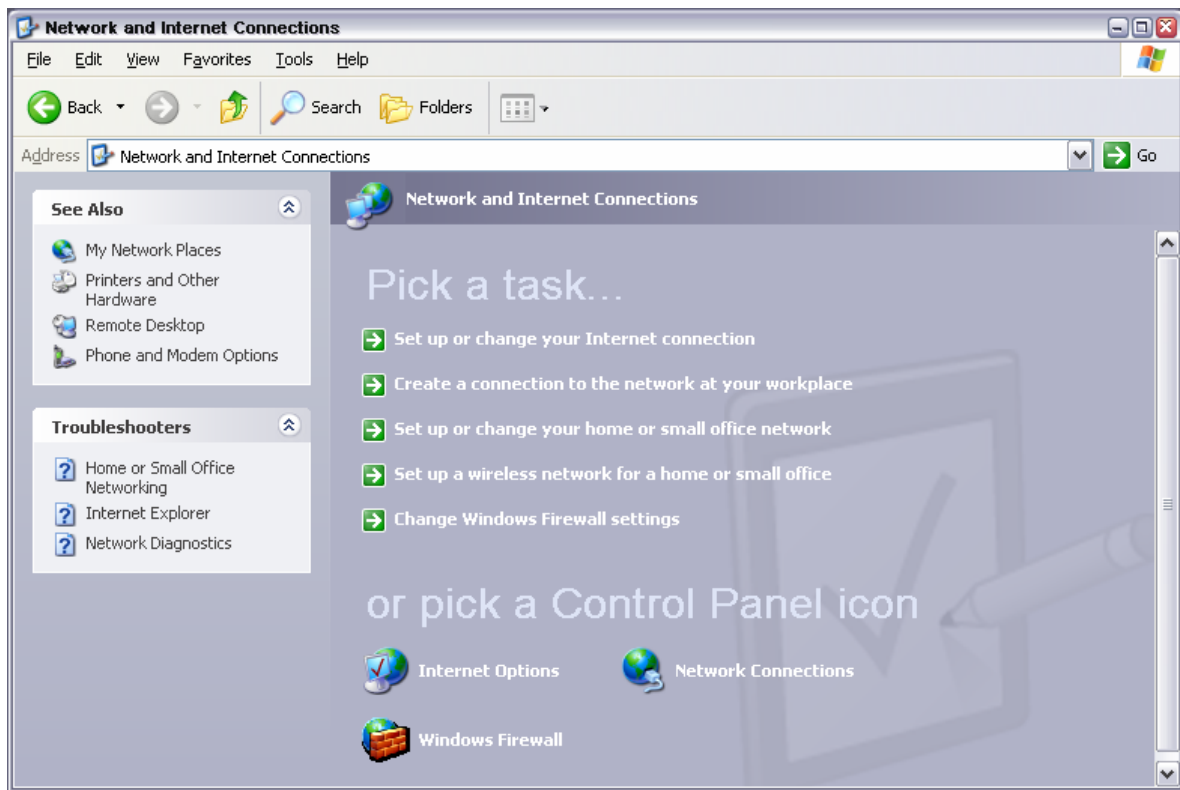
1. Open the start menu (either by pressing the **Windows** key (on the keyboard next to the Ctrl key) or by moving the mouse to the bottom of the display and subsequent clicking on **Start**).



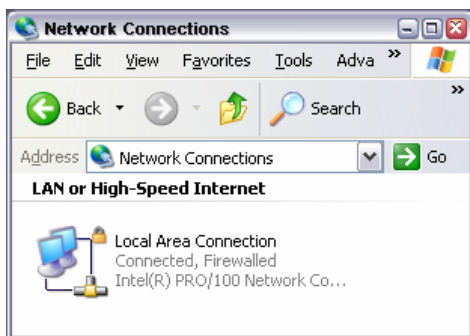
2. Click **Control Panel** and then **Network and Internet Connections**.



3. Click **Network Connections** at the bottom right of the **Network and Internet Connections** menu.

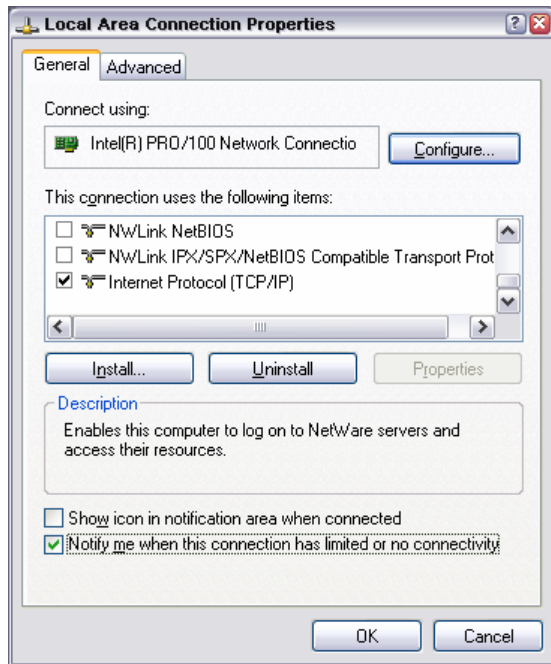


4. Click **LAN Area Connection** in the **Network Connections** menu (at the right)



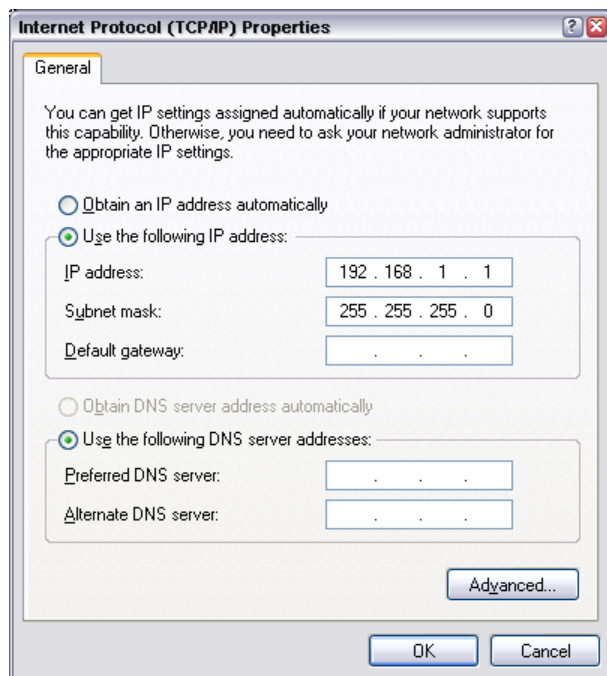


5. On the **General** tab, select **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP)** in the field **This connection uses the following items:** and then click the **Properties** button.



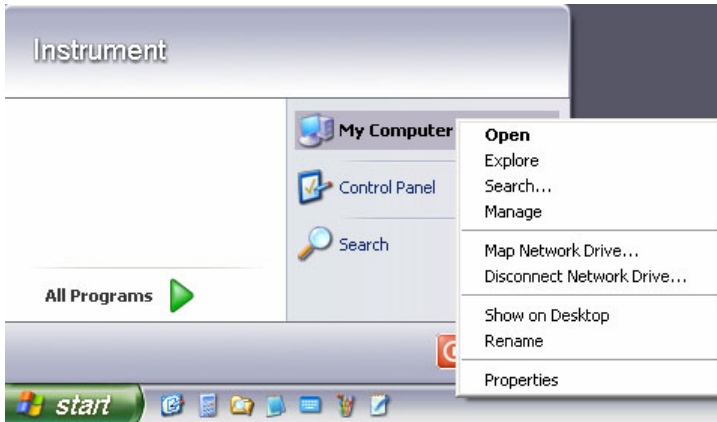
6. In the **Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) Properties** menu, enter the IP address in the **Use the following IP address:** field (the complete data can be queried from the network administrator). Terminate the entry in all menus with OK.

**Obtain an IP address automatically** (DHCP = dynamic host configuration protocol) is the default setting.



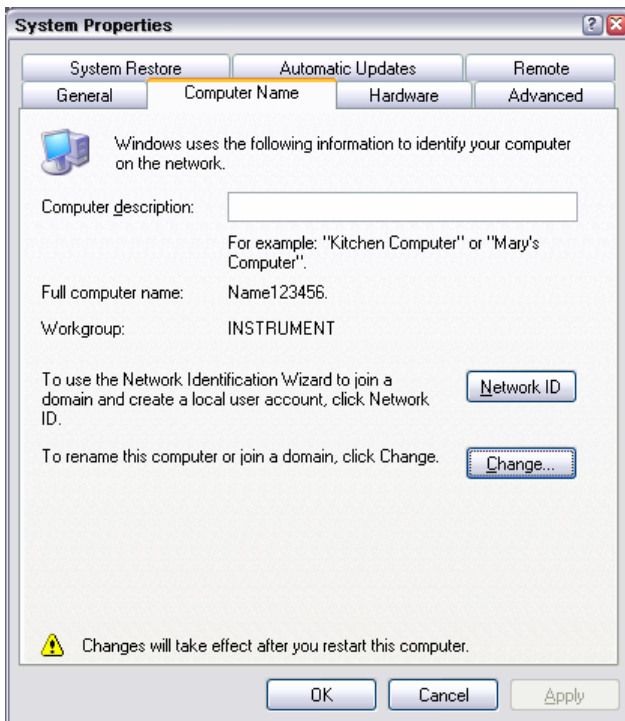
## Query Computer Name

1. Open the start menu, select **My Computer** and open the context menu by pressing the right mouse key.



2. Click **Properties** and select the **Computer Name** tab in the menu.

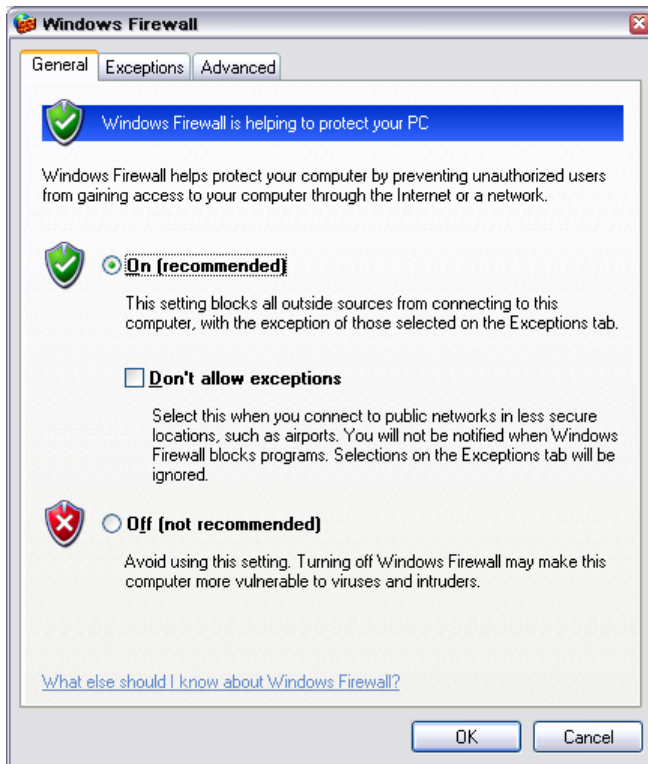
The computer name is displayed under **Full Computer Name**:. The name can be changed in the **Change** submenu.



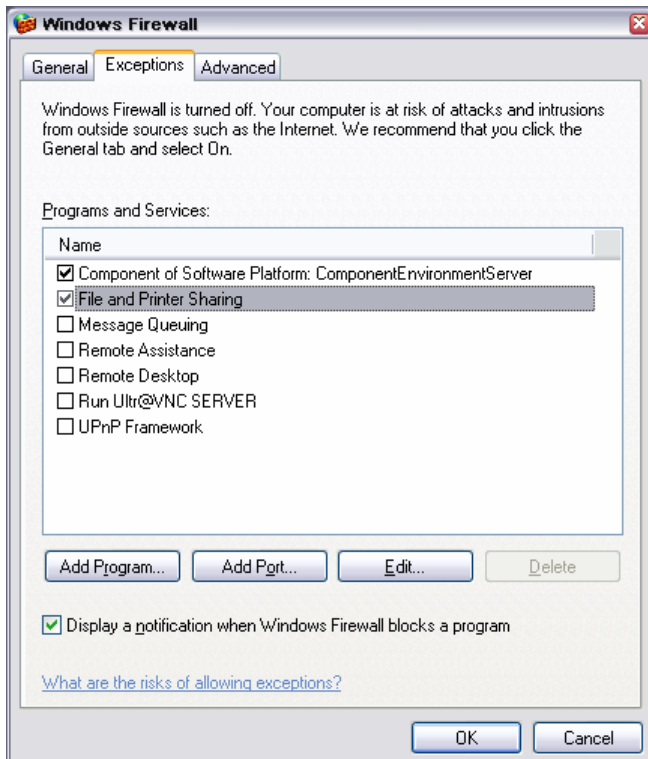
The Windows XP Firewall blocks all network communication which is not initialized by the controller itself or which is defined as unwanted. It protects the controller from an attack of hostile users and programs. On the R&S SMATE, the Internet Connection Firewall (ICF) is activated for all network connections per default to enhance protection of the instrument.

To enable data transfer with other controllers in a local network, file and printer sharing must be specifically permitted.

1. Open the start menu, select **Control Panel** and open the context menu by pressing the right mouse key.
2. Click **Switch to Classic View** and select the **Windows Firewall**.



3. Select tab **Exceptions** and activate check box **File and Printer Sharing**. Confirm entry with **Ok**,



Access to network drives depends on access rights and whether the drives in question have been enabled. The complete integration of the R&S SMATE into a larger network with the necessary allocation of rights is highly complex and normally performed by a network administrator.

However, the hard disk of a computer also connected to the network can be accessed from the R&S SMATE relatively easily. The only precondition for this is that the desired directory the R&S SMATE should access is enabled on the remote computer. Subsequently, this directory is accessed from the R&S SMATE using a WindowsXP® search function.

This procedure is also of importance for a point-to-point connection, for instance in order to start a firmware update for which the files have been stored on the hard disk of the remote computer.

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**Note:** *The computer and the signal generator must both be equipped with a computer name and an IP address (see section "[Configuring the R&S SMATE for Network Operation](#)").*

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### **Enabling the desired directory on the remote computer**

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**Note:** *The menu name may deviate from the name specified in the operating sequence, depending on the language and on the operating system used on the computer.*

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1. On the computer, in Windows Explorer mark the directory to be enabled and open the **Properties** menu with the right-hand mouse button.
2. In the **Sharing** panel, activate the **Share this folder** checkbox.
3. Write down the name of the computer (see section "[Query Computer Name](#)").

### **Accessing the enabled directory on the R&S SMATE**

1. Call the Start menu.
2. In the **Search** menu, select **Computers or People** and then **A Computer on the Network**.
3. In the input window of the query **Which Computer you are looking for?**, enter the computer name and start the search by pressing the enter key.  
The computer and its name appears in the results list.
4. Click the computer's name to display the enabled directory. The files in this directory can be used in the R&S SMATE.

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**Note:** *If a user name and password are requested when you click the computer, the login name and password used on the computer must be entered.*

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## Manual Remote Control via an External Controller

The R&S SMATE can be manually remote-controlled from an external PC via a network link. This allows convenient operation of the vector signal generator from the desktop although the instrument is integrated in a rack in the next room.

**Manual remote control** in contrast to **remote control** does not use remote-control commands but a separate software which is installed on the external PC. After its start, the software simulates the user interface of the R&S SMATE. The instrument can thus be manually operated from the PC as on the unit itself.

A precondition for manual remote control is a connection between signal generator and PC via a LAN network and the installation of the software on the PC and on the R&S SMATE.

Two free-of-charge programs are available for setting up the connection for manual remote control: The Windows program **Remote Desktop Connection** for PCs with Window operating system and the program **Ultr@VNC** for PCs with Linux/Unix or Windows operating system.

After the connection is established, the signal generator screen with the block diagram is displayed on the external PC and the R&S SMATE can be manually remote-controlled from the external PC. The individual functions are operated using the mouse and keyboard. Specific instrument functions can be executed using specific key combinations on the keyboard (see table in Chapter 3, section "[Legend of Manual Controls](#)", on page 3.1).

Installation of the remote-control software and establishing the connection between external PC and signal generator is described in the following.

### Configuration for Manual Remote Control via Windows Remote Desktop Connection

The instrument is operated with the aid of the Windows program **Remote Desktop Connection** which is provided free-of-charge by Microsoft in the download area of the Internet (<http://www.microsoft.com>).

Manual remote control of the signal generator via RemoteDesktop is possible under the following conditions:

- The Windows 95 operating system or higher and the **Remote Desktop Connection** program are installed on the external PC and a LAN interface is configured for the network.
- The signal generator and PC are linked via a LAN.
- The **Remote Desktop Connection** is enabled on the R&S SMATE
- R&S SMATE data (IP address or computer name of R&S SMATE in the network) is entered in the **Remote Desktop Connection** program of the external PC.
- Login on the external computer for the R&S SMATE was carried out with the correct user name (instrument) and the correct password (instrument).

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**ATTENTION****Risk of unauthorized access!**

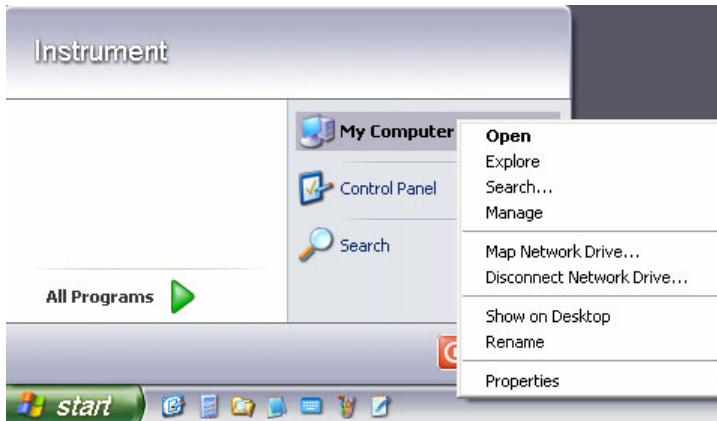
After enabling the remote desktop, any user on the network who knows the password and computer name of the vector signal generator can access this R&S SMATE. Even after cutting it, the connection is still enabled and the R&S SMATE can be accessed any time. To disable the connection, the remote desktop must be deactivated on the R&S SMATE.

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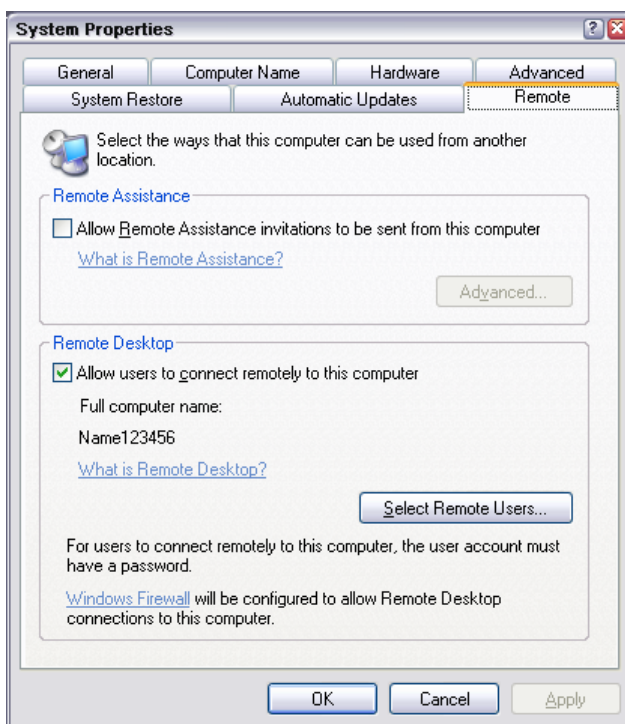
## Enable Remote Desktop Connection on R&S SMATE

The configuration is performed in the Windows XP embedded menus. The operating system can only be accessed if an external keyboard and monitor is connected. A mouse is recommended for convenient operation of Windows XP. To ensure recognition of the external devices, the instrument has to be switched off prior to connecting them.

1. Switch off instrument
2. Connect external keyboard, mouse and monitor to the USB interface.
3. Switch on instrument
4. Open the start menu, select **My Computer** and open the context menu by pressing the right mouse key.



5. Click **Properties** and select the **Remote** tab in the menu.
6. Activate check box **Allow users to connect remotely to this computer** and close window with the **OK** button.

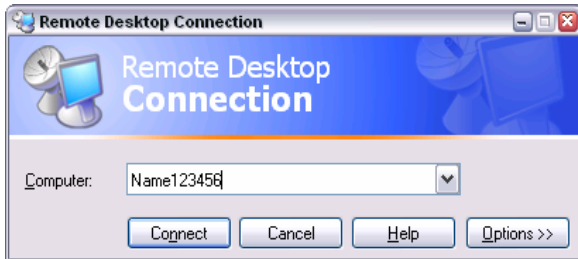


**Note:** When activating/locking the Remote Desktop, the associated firewall settings are automatically enabled/disabled.

## Install Remote Desktop and Establish Connection on the Windows PC

The **Remote Desktop Connection** program of Microsoft is available on the Internet for the Windows 95™ operating system and its successors as a free-of-charge download. Following the instructions on the Internet, it can be loaded onto any external PC. For the Windows XP operating system, the program is already preinstalled or it is available on the installation CD-ROM.

1. Install **Remote Desktop Connection** program on the PC if required.
2. Start program in the **Start - All Programs - Accessories - Communications** window.




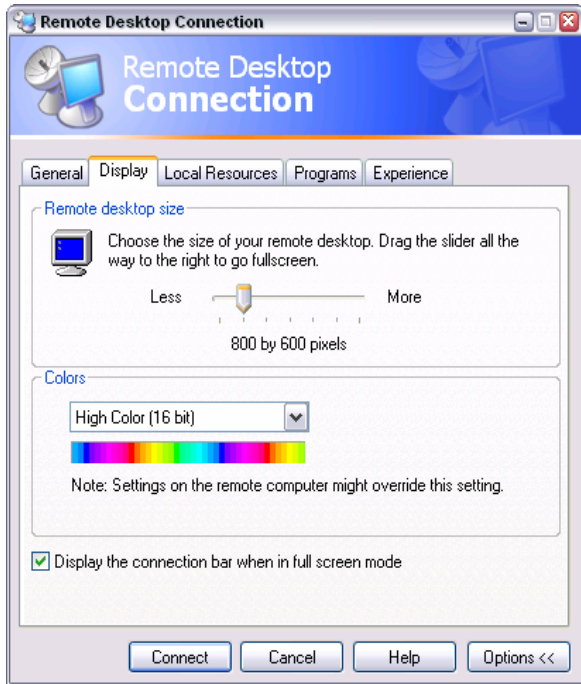
Prior to the first use, the instrument and user ID of the R&S SMATE must be entered on the external PC. The instrument ID, i.e. the computer name of the R&S SMATE, identifies the R&S SMATE in the network. Each R&S SMATE is assigned a computer name in the factory, which can be used for manual remote control. The query for the computer name is described in section "[Query Computer Name](#)".

The user name and the password is required for accessing the R&S SMATE. On the R&S SMATE "**instrument**" is preset as the user name and password. No entry need be made in the **Domain** field.

3. Enter the instrument and user name and the password of the R&S SMATE in the **General** tab of the extended menu which is opened with the **Options>>** button.



4. Login data can be stored with the **Save As** button.  
If it is stored as a **default.rdp** file, the connection to the R&S SMATE is offered as the default when the program is started. If the data is stored under another name, the R&S SMATE link is available in the selection list opened with the  button of the **Computer:** entry field.
5. Enter remote desktop size 800 x 600 in the **Display** tab.



6. The connection is established when the **Connect** button is pressed.

After the connection is established, the signal generator screen with the block diagram is displayed and the R&S SMATE can be manually remote-controlled from the external PC.

The individual functions are operated using the mouse and keyboard. Specific instrument functions can be executed using specific key combinations on the keyboard (see table in Chapter 3, section "[Legend of Manual Controls](#)", on page 3.1).

The device firmware of the R&S SMATE is disabled when the connection is set up. **Direct control on the R&S SMATE is not possible while manual remote-control is active.** The access of an external PC is indicated by the logon screen of Windows XP Embedded which identifies the accessing user.

If several R&S SMATE instruments are to be manually remote-controlled from one PC, a separate **Remote Desktop Control** window must be opened for each R&S SMATE. This is possible by starting the program on the external PC several times.



## Cut Manual Remote Control Connection via Remote Desktop

The connection can be cut either on the R&S SMATE or on the external PC. Cutting the connection does not disable it. It can be established again any time.

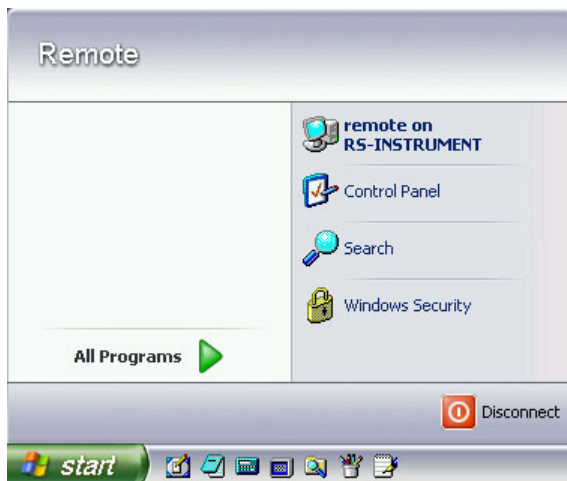
**Cutting the connection on the signal generator** (requires external keyboard, mouse and monitor):

1. Click **Disconnect** in the remote-control message menu of the R&S SMATE

The connection is cut, a message on the external PC informs about the disconnection.

**Cutting the connection on the external PC:**

1. Open the start menu.
2. Click **Disconnect** in the lower right-hand corner of menu



## Disable Manual Remote Control Connection via Remote Desktop

The connection can be disabled by deactivating the Remote Desktop on the R&S SMATE .

1. Open the start menu with the **Windows** key, select **My Computer** and open the context menu by pressing the right mouse key.
2. Click **Properties** and select the **Remote** tab in the menu.
3. Deactivate check box **Allow users to connect remotely to this computer** and close window with the **OK** button.

The connection is disabled, it is no longer possible to access the R&S SMATE for manual remote control via **Remote Desktop**..

## Configuration for Manual Remote Control via Ultr@VNC

The instrument is operated with the aid of the program **Ultr@VNC**. The program is included in operating system Linux/Unix. It is available as a free-of-charge download on the internet for operating system Window XP (<http://ultravnc.sourceforge.net/download.htm>)

Manual remote control of the signal generator is possible under the following conditions:

- The external PC with Linux/Unix or Windows operating system (Windows 95 or higher) is equipped with a LAN interface which is configured for the network.
- The signal generator and PC are linked via a LAN.
- The **Ultr@VNC** program is installed and enabled on the R&S SMATE, and an user-specific password for the **VNC** connection is defined. Communication on the network via **Ultr@VNC** program is enabled in the firewall.
- PC with Linux/Unix operating system  
R&S SMATE IP address is entered in the **address line** of the internet browser of the external PC and the user-specific password for the **VNC** connection is entered in the request panel.
- PC with Windows operating system  
The **Ultr@VNC Viewer** program component is installed on the external PC  
R&S SMATE IP address and the user-specific password for the **VNC** connection are entered in the **VNC Viewer** panel.

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**ATTENTION****Risk of unauthorized access!**

After enabling the VNC connection, any user on the network who knows the password and IP address of the signal generator can access this R&S SMATE. Even after cutting it, the connection is still enabled and the R&S SMATE can be accessed any time. To disable the connection, the VNC program on the R&S SMATE must be uninstalled or the VNC server service disabled.

To enhance security, also communication on the network via Ultr@VNC program should be disabled in the firewall.

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## Install and Enable VNC Connection on R&S SMATE

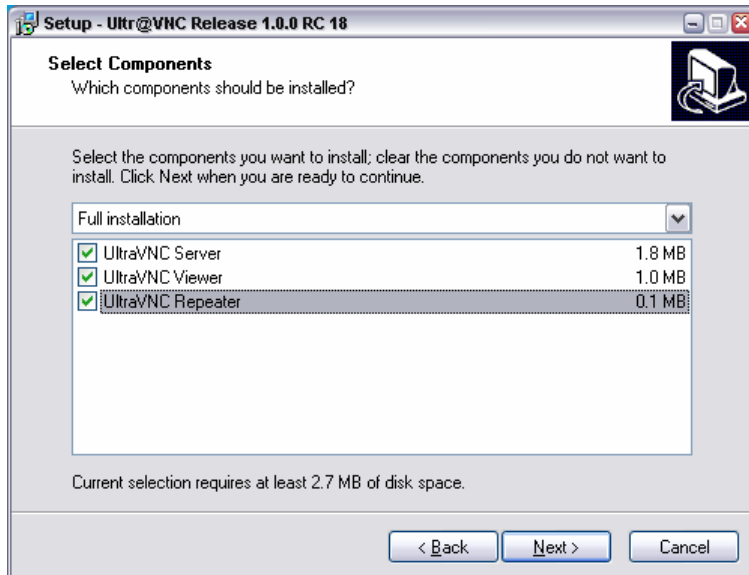
The **Ultr@VNC** program is available on the Internet as a free-of-charge download. Following the instructions on the Internet, it can be copied onto the R&S SMATE.

1. Download the program from the internet and copy it to a directory that can be accessed by the R&S SMATE.
2. Switch off instrument.
3. Connect a mouse, a keyboard and an external monitor.
4. Switch on instrument.
5. Shut down firmware using the ALT-F4 key combination.

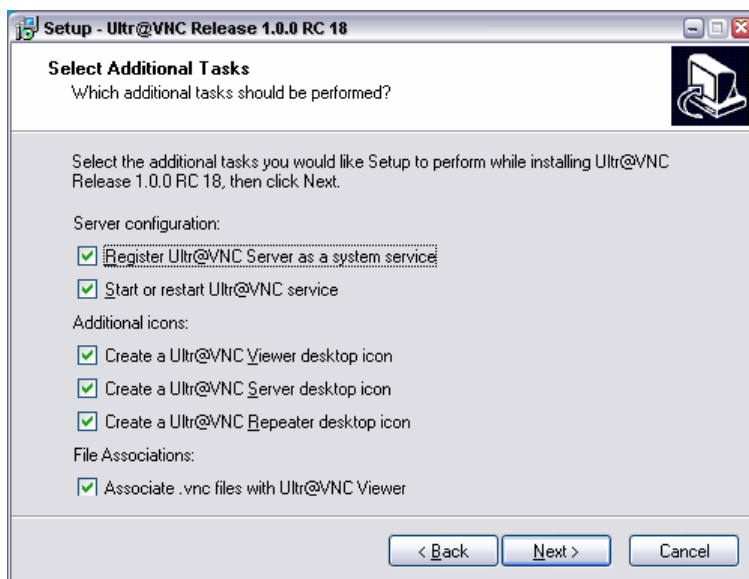
6. Start installation by double clicking the setup file (Ultr@VNC\_100\_RC18\_setup.exe / whereas 18 denotes the version number).

The setup wizard leads through the installation. In the following only those panels are described in which defined settings are required for the signal generator.

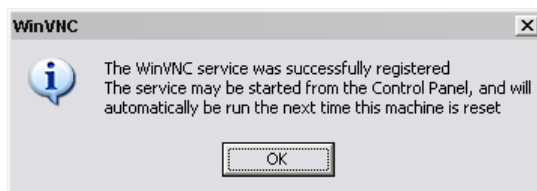
- Select installation of all components



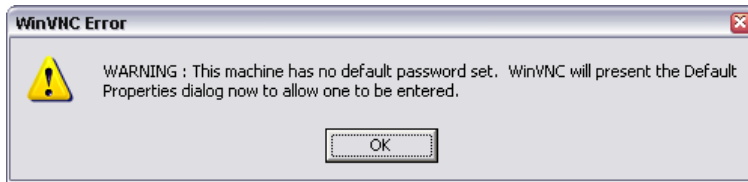
- Select all entries in the **Additional Task Panel**



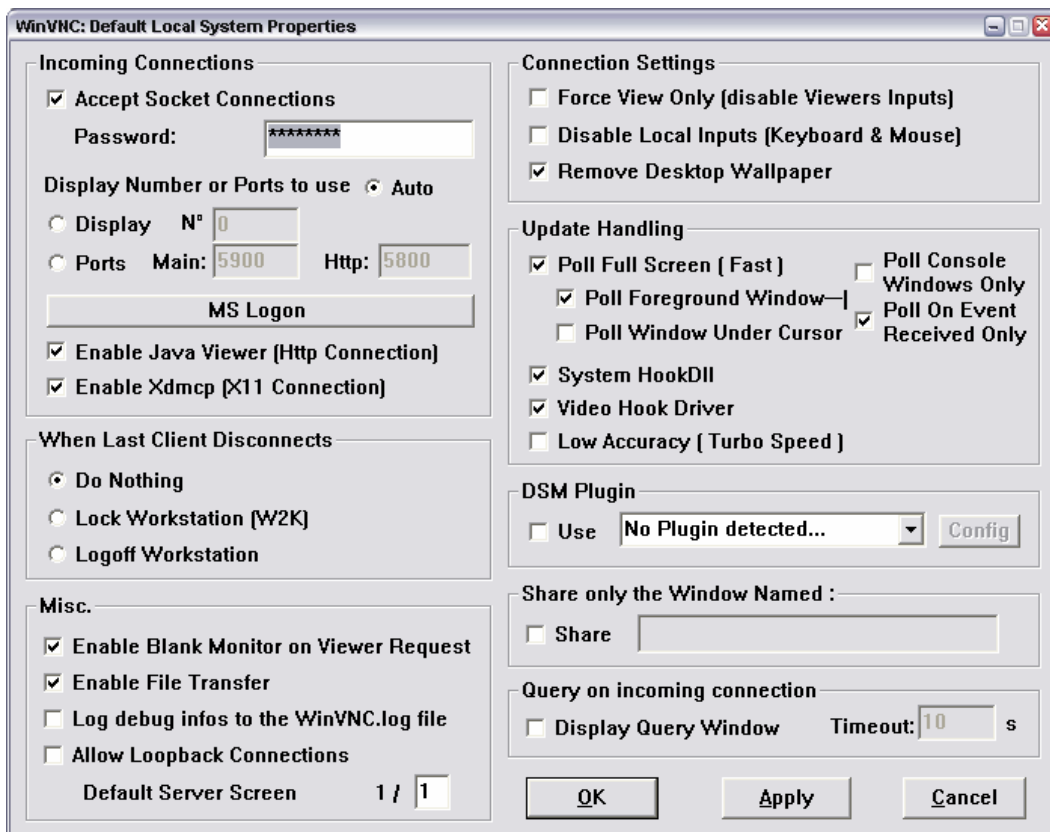
- A successful installation is indicated by a message




- At the same time a warning is displayed stating that a password must be set.



- After clicking **OK** in the warning panel the **Default Local System Properties** panel opens. A password with a length of at least five digits must be entered. This password is used on the remote PC to access the R&S SMATE. Other settings may be changed according to the user-specific security requirements.



7. After the installation the VNC connection must be enabled in the ICF firewall (see following section).

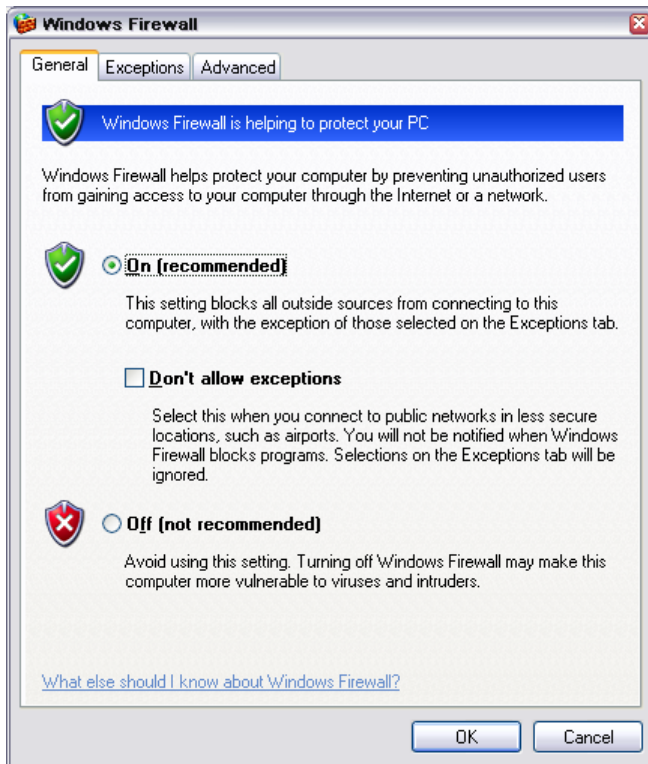
After the installation the program always is automatically started together with the operating system. An icon  is placed on the right side of the Windows XP task bar (notification area). On mouse over, the IP address of the R&S SMATE is indicated. This IP address and the user-defined password are the prerequisites to enable manual remote control on the PC. A cut connection is indicated by changed color of the icon. Cutting the connection does not disable it. It can be established again any time.



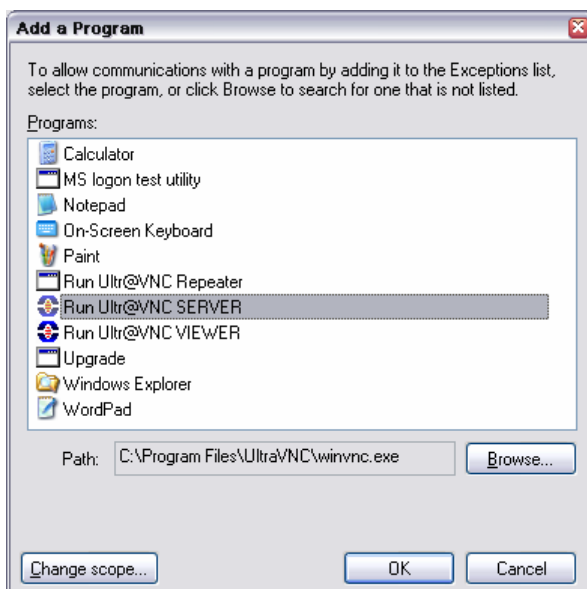
## Configuring Internet Connection Firewall for VNC Connection

To enable manual remote control by other controllers in a local network via VNC connection, the connection must be specifically permitted in the firewall.

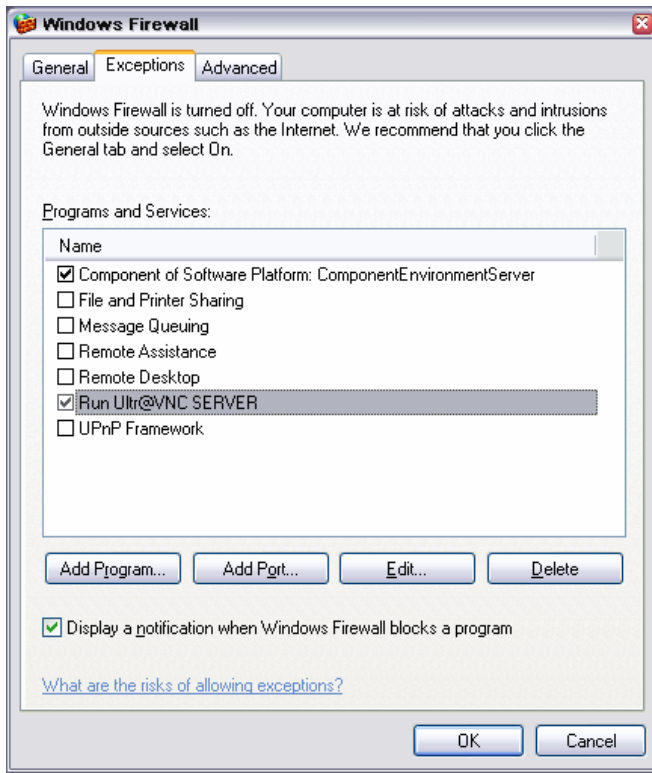
1. Open the start menu, select **Control Panel** and open the context menu by pressing the right mouse key.
2. Click **Switch to Classic View** and select the **Windows Firewall**.



3. Select tab **Exceptions** and call sub menu **Add Program...**



4. Select **Run Ultr@VNC SERVER** and click **Ok**.
5. Activate check box **Run Ultr@VNC SERVER** in the **Exception** tab and click **Ok**.



## Establish Manual Remote Control on the Linux/Unix PC

The **VNC** program is available per default for Linux/Unix operating systems. Only three steps are necessary to establish the connection to the R&S SMATE:

1. Start the internet browser on the PC.
2. Enter the following address:  

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vnc://IP-address of R&S SMATE", e.g. vnc://192.168.1.1
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 After Enter, the password for the remote **VNC** connection is requested
3. Enter the password defined in the **Default Local System Properties** panel of the **Ultr@VNC** program of R&S SMATE. The connection is established when the **Log On** button is pressed.

After the connection is established, the current signal generator screen with the block diagram is displayed and the R&S SMATE can be manually remote-controlled from the external PC. The individual functions are operated using the mouse and keyboard. Specific instrument functions can be executed using specific key combinations on the keyboard (see table in Chapter 3, section "[Legend of Manual Controls](#)", on page 3.1). In contrast to Remote Control Desktop, **direct control on the R&S SMATE is possible while manual remote-control is established**, it can be performed alternately with the manual remote control.

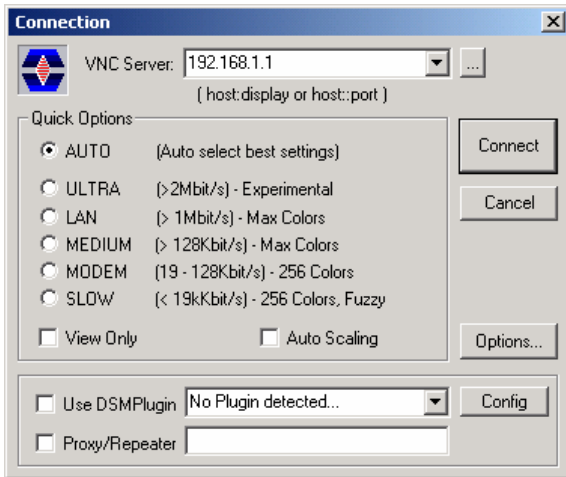
## Install VNC Viewer and Establish VNC Connection on the Windows PC

The **Ultr@VNC** program is available on the Internet as a free-of-charge download.

Following the instructions on the Internet, the program can be copied onto the external Windows PC. Only the program component **VNC Viewer** is required.

**Note:** The **VNC Viewer** program is included in the download for the installation of the **Ultr@VNC** program on your signal generator if **Full installation** was selected in the **Select Component** panel. In this case, the program `ultr@vncviewer.exe` can be copied to your Windows PC.

1. Install **VNC Viewer** program component on the PC.
2. Start **VNC Viewer** program component on the PC.



3. Enter IP address of R&S SMATE in input line **VNC Server**.
4. Initialize the connection by pressing the **Connect** button.

A message requesting the password appears.



5. Enter the **VNC** password defined in the **Default Local System Properties** panel of the **Ultr@VNC** program of R&S SMATE. The connection is established when the **Log On** button is pressed.


After the connection is established, the current signal generator screen with the block diagram is displayed and the R&S SMATE can be manually remote-controlled from the external PC. The individual functions are operated using the mouse and keyboard. Specific instrument functions can be executed using specific key combinations on the keyboard (see table in Chapter 3, section "[Legend of Manual Controls](#)", on page 3.1). In contrast to Remote Control Desktop, **direct control on the R&S SMATE is possible while manual remote-control is established**, it can be performed alternately with the manual remote control.

## Cut Manual Remote Control Connection via Ultr@VNC

The connection can be cut either on the R&S SMATE or on the external PC. Cutting the connection does not disable it. It can be established again any time.


**Cutting the connection on the signal generator** (requires external keyboard, mouse and monitor):

1. Open the start menu with the **Windows** key or the CTRL+EXC key combination.
2. Right-click on the **VNC** icon on the task bar. The context menu opens.
3. Select **Kill all clients**

The connection is cut, a message on the external PC informs about the disconnection. The **VNC** icon  changes color.

**Cutting the connection on the external Linux/Unix PC:**

1. Either close the internet browser or close the signal generator window

The connection is disabled, the **VNC** icon on the task bar  of the R&S SMATE changes color.

**Cutting the connection on the external Windows PC:**

1. Close the **VNC Viewer** programm

The connection is cut, the **VNC** icon on the task bar  of the R&S SMATE changes color.

## Disable Manual Remote Control Connection via Ultr@VNC

The connection can be disabled by removing the program on the R&S SMATE or by deactivating the VNC Server service in the Control Panel.


**Removing the VNC program:**

1. Open the start menu with the **Windows** key or the CTRL+EXC key combination.
2. Open the **Control Panel** menu
3. Select **Add or Remove Programs**
4. Remove the **VNC** program.

The connection is disabled, the **VNC** icon on the task bar  of the R&S SMATE disappears.

**Deactivating the VNC Server service:**

1. Open the start menu with the **Windows** key or the CTRL+EXC key combination.
2. Open the Control Panel menu
3. Select **Services**
4. Deactivate the **VNC Server** service.

The connection is disabled, the **VNC** icon on the task bar  of the R&S SMATE disappears.



## Using Norton Antivirus

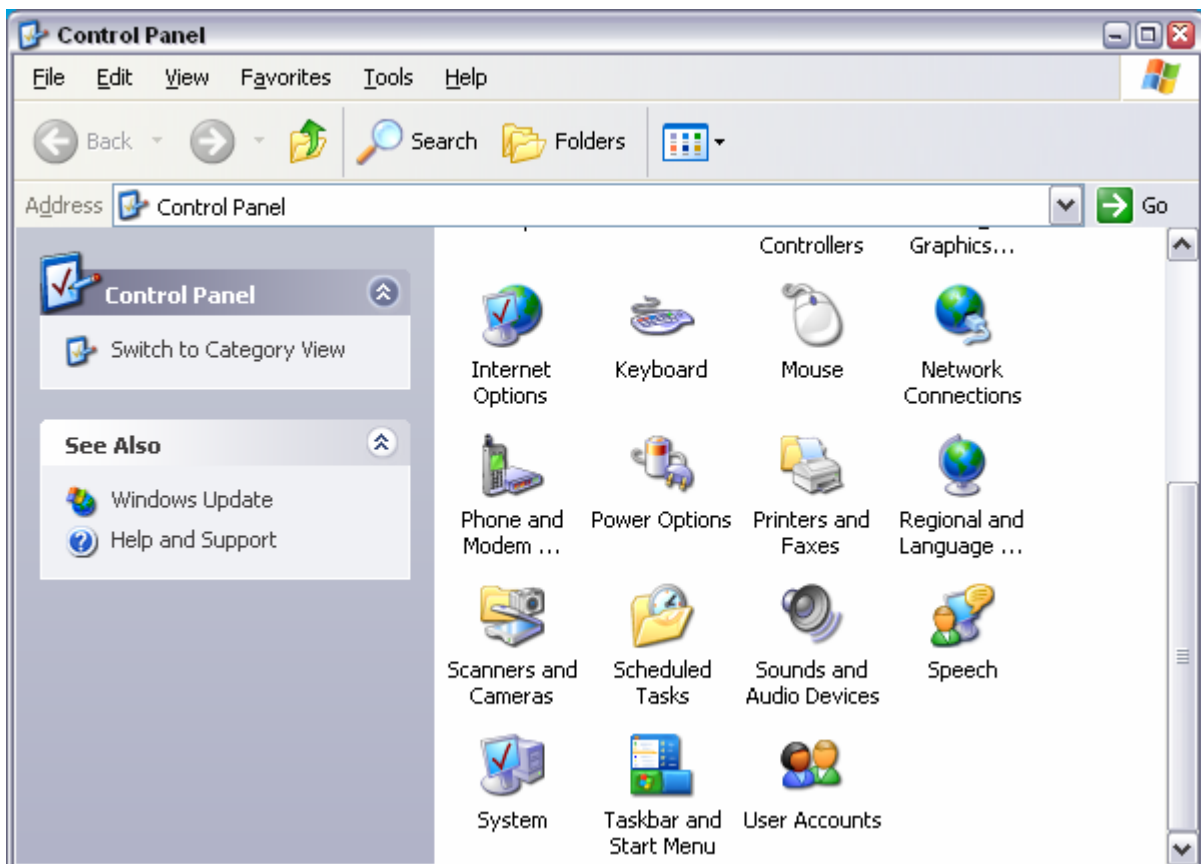
Virus-protection software Symantec Norton Antivirus 2005 has been successfully tested for compatibility with the measurement instrument software on R&S SMATE.

However, Norton Antivirus may affect the behaviour of the instrument in terms of settling time or stability. Norton Antivirus 2005 has been subjected to detailed tests with R&S SMATE Firmware version V1.40 and the paging file settings given below. The system remains very reliable. However, rare impact on the settling time has been experienced (slight degradations of settling time in 2% of samples out of specification).

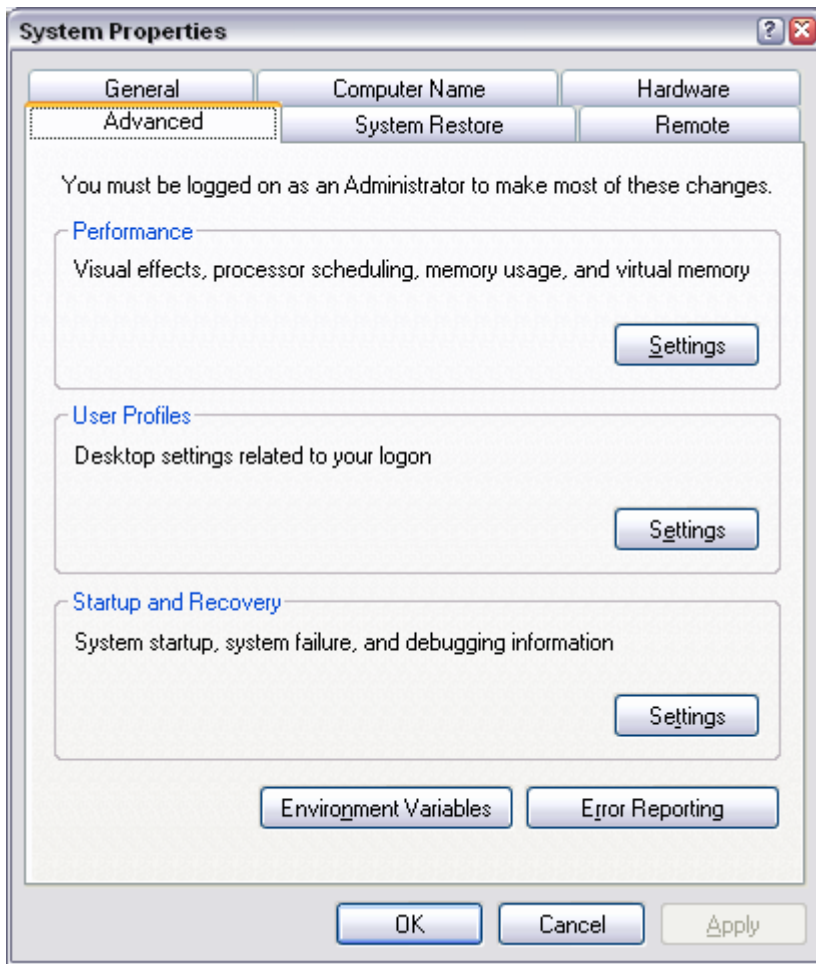
## Preparing the Installation of Norton Antivirus

The installation is performed in the Windows XP embedded operating system. The operating system can only be accessed if an external keyboard and/or a mouse is connected. Operation by mouse only without the external keyboard is possible if the on-screen keyboard is used. To ensure recognition of the external devices, the instrument has to be switched off prior to connecting them.

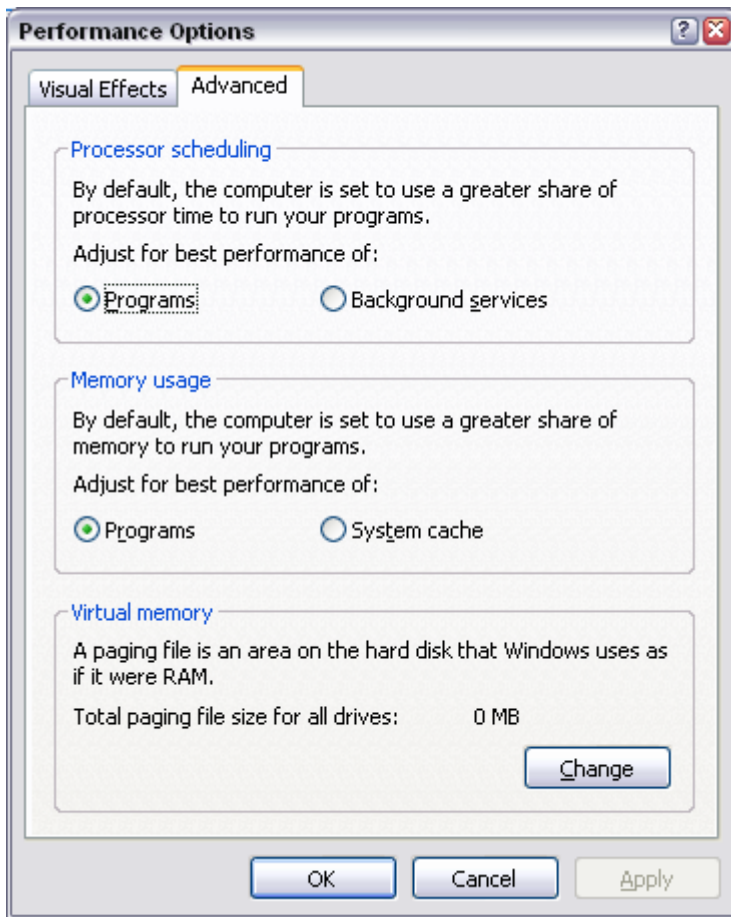
1. Switch off instrument
2. Connect external keyboard and/or mouse to the USB interface.
3. Switch on instrument
4. Open the start menu (either by pressing the **Windows** key (on the keyboard next to the Ctrl key) or by moving the mouse to the bottom of the display and subsequent clicking on **Start**).
5. Click **Control Panel** and then **System**.



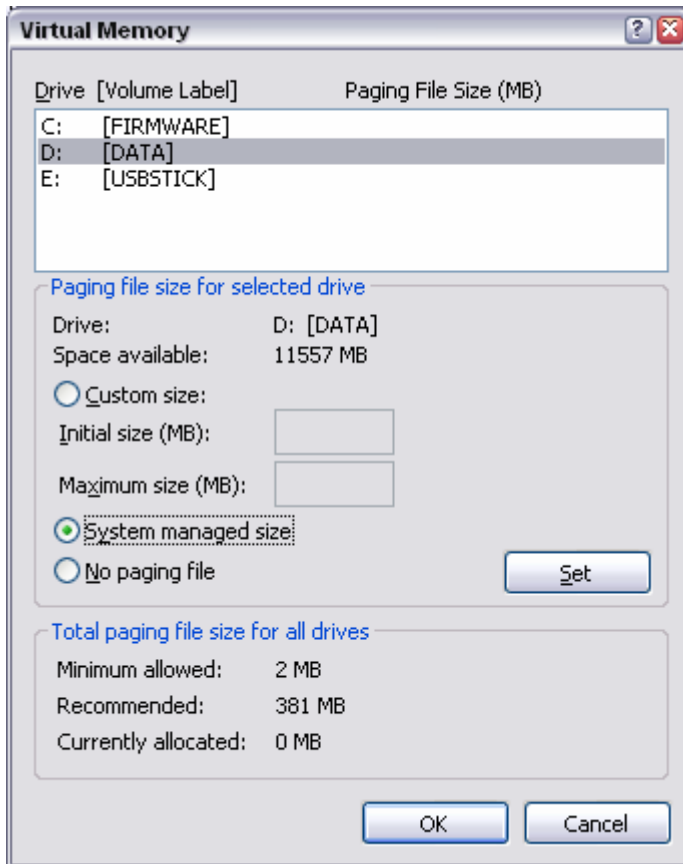
6. Select the **Advanced** and click **Performance Settings**



7. Click the Change button



8. Activate
  - Drive D: [DATA]
  - System managed size



9. Click the **Set** button
  10. Click the **Close** button, the dialog closes
- Now program Norton Antivirus can be installed

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# 2 Getting Started

## Introduction - Getting Started

The main field of application of the R&S SMATE is the generation of digitally modulated signals. The R&S SMATE uses I/Q (vector) modulation. Digital data streams are converted to an I/Q baseband signal. The baseband signal is then D/A-converted and modulated onto the desired RF carrier frequency with the aid of an I/Q modulator.

The R&S SMATE provides an entirely digital baseband section for generating I/Q signals and an RF section with I/Q modulator. Baseband section and RF section may contain two paths, the first being called path A and the second path B in the description below.

**Note:** *The R&S SMATE is primarily intended to be remote-controlled via the GPIB interface or a LAN connection. Alternatively it is possible to control the instrument manually using an external monitor in combination with a mouse and keyboard or by accessing the instrument via the remote control desktop of an external PC. In the following, the indications of the user interface on the external monitor are used to explain the functions of the vector signal generator.*

The architecture of the R&S SMATE and the signal flow can be displayed in a block diagram on an external monitor connected to the R&S SMATE. In the diagram, signal processing is performed from left to right (left: baseband signal generation, extreme right: RF output). The block diagram in the figure below shows a fully equipped two-path R&S SMATE.

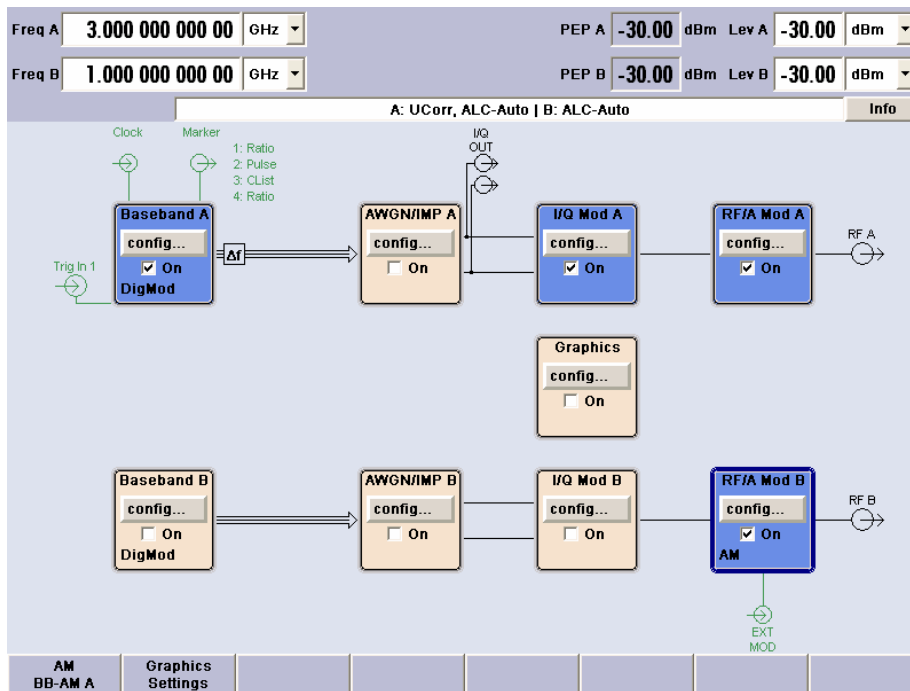


Fig. 2-1 Block diagram of a fully equipped two-path R&S SMATE

In the R&S SMATE, a digitally modulated signal can be generated in two ways:

1. The I/Q signal is generated internally in the R&S SMATE. In this case the instrument must be equipped with at least one baseband generator (option R&S SMATE-B10/B11) and at least one baseband main module (option R&S SMATE-B13). One or two baseband generators can be installed. The signals produced by the two generators can be added (possibly with frequency offset).

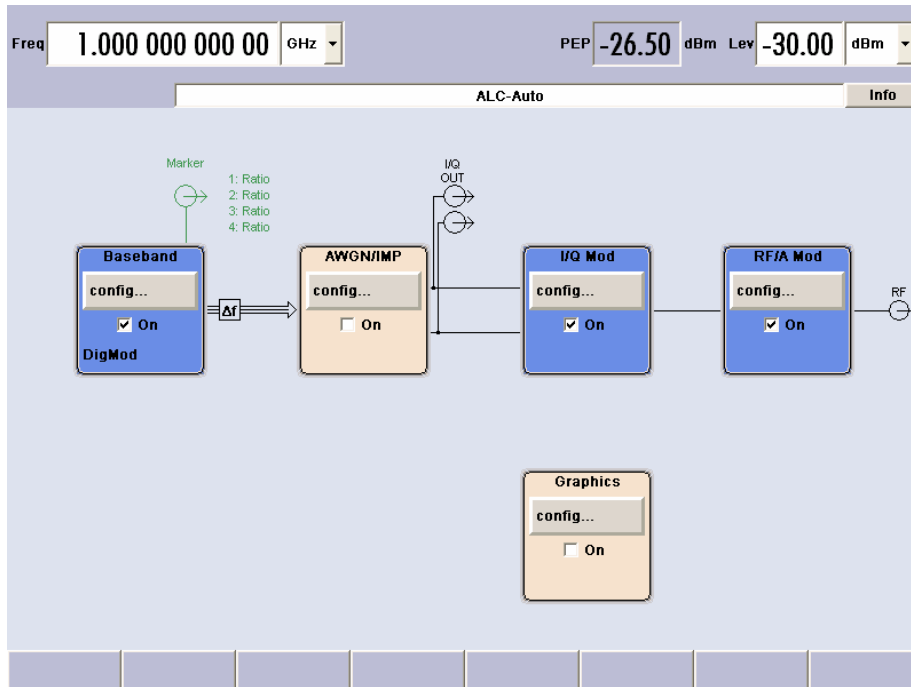


Fig. 2-2 Operation of R&S SMATE I/Q modulator with I/Q signals from the internal baseband section

2. An external analog I/Q signal is directly applied to the I/Q modulator of the R&S SMATE (Analog Wideband I/Q operation). In this mode, the entire bandwidth of the I/Q modulator can be utilized. The capabilities of the baseband section (AWGN, addition of signals, etc) are disabled, however.

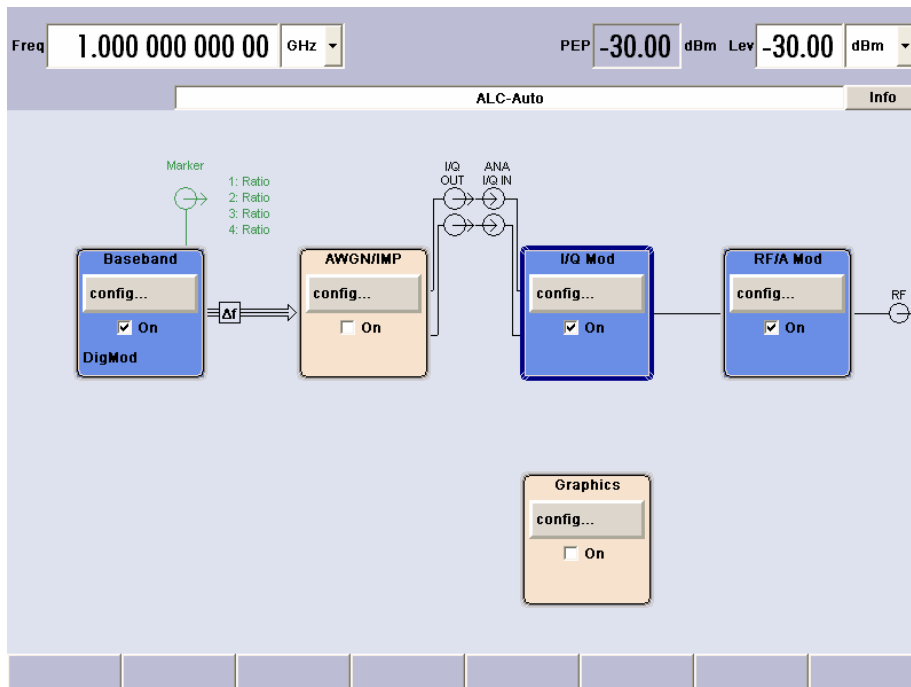


Fig. 2-3 Operation of R&S SMATE I/Q modulator with external analog I/Q signals



## Baseband Section of R&S SMATE

The baseband section of the R&S SMATE is fully digital and contains the hardware for generating and processing I/Q signals. The baseband section may contain two paths.

**Baseband generator (option R&S SMATE-B10/B11):** The generator produces baseband signals. It contains modules for real time signal generation and an arbitrary waveform generator (ARB). R&S SMATE-B10 features a much larger ARB memory size than R&S SMATE-B11 (see data sheet). But apart from the memory size, both options have the same functionality and are installed alternatively.

One or two baseband generators can be fitted in an R&S SMATE and operated separately. Signals from the baseband generators can be routed from path A to B and vice versa, and added (possibly with frequency offset). Option R&S SMATE-B10/B11 contains real time Custom Digital Modulation and ARB. Software options providing various digital standards are offered in addition. Option R&S SMATE-K40, for instance, generates signals to GSM/EDGE standard, option R&S SMATE-K42 signals to 3GPP FDD standard. For more detailed information on available options, refer to the R&S SMATE data sheet and the R&S SMATE Configuration guide (available at R&S SMATE homepage on the internet).

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**Note:** *If two baseband generators are fitted and two signals of the same standard (e.g. GSM/EDGE) are to be output simultaneously, two appropriate software options must be installed (in this case R&S SMATE-K40). If only one R&S SMATE-K40 is installed and GSM/EDGE is selected in the first baseband generator, the second baseband generator is disabled for GSM/EDGE. However, a software option is not tied to a specific baseband generator. In our example, **either** the first **or** the second baseband generator can output a GSM/EDGE signal.*

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**Baseband main module (option R&S SMATE-B13):** This module can be installed twice (for path A and B). It is at the end of the baseband path and converts the digital signal to an analog I/Q signal. The analog I/Q signal is fed to the I/Q modulator of the corresponding RF path. The baseband main module (A or B) also routes signals to the analog I/Q outputs. This module is absolutely required for coupling out the baseband signal from the baseband section. At this stage routing from A to B or vice versa is no longer possible. If a two-path RF section is available, two baseband main modules are required if the signals from the baseband section are to be output to the two RF paths.

The baseband main module also offers digital I/Q impairment functions. The I/Q signal can be deliberately corrupted, e.g. for testing the receiver quality.

**Additional White Gaussian Noise (option R&S SMATE-K62):** Additive white noise, which may be required for instance for measurements on mobile radio base stations, can be produced with the AWGN software option (R&S SMATE-K62).

## RF Section of R&S SMATE

The RF section of the R&S SMATE may also contain two paths. An RF path is configured by installing a frequency option that comprises all required modules including synthesizer, output section with I/Q modulator and attenuator. One of the following options must be installed for path A:

R&S SMATE-B103	100 kHz to 3 GHz
R&S SMATE-B106	100 kHz to 6 GHz

The following frequency options are available for path B:

R&S SMATE-B203	100 kHz to 3 GHz
R&S SMATE-B206	100 kHz to 6 GHz

In addition, each RF path can be equipped with a high-power option (R&S SMATE-B31/B36) for higher output levels and with option FM/PhiM Modulator and Low Phase Noise (option SMATE-B22). For more detailed information on options, refer to the R&S SMATE data sheet and the R&S SMATE Configuration Guide (available on the R&S SMATE Homepage on the Internet).

## Applications of the Two-Path R&S SMATE

The modular design of the R&S SMATE allows the instrument to be equipped with two paths. This allows a multitude of applications to be performed for which several signal generators were previously required. A few examples are given below.

### Two Baseband Generators, One RF Path

Possible applications:

- Addition of real time signals of different standards, e.g. GSM/EDGE and 3GPP FDD
- Generation of multicarrier signals with real time components
- Simulation of antenna diversity

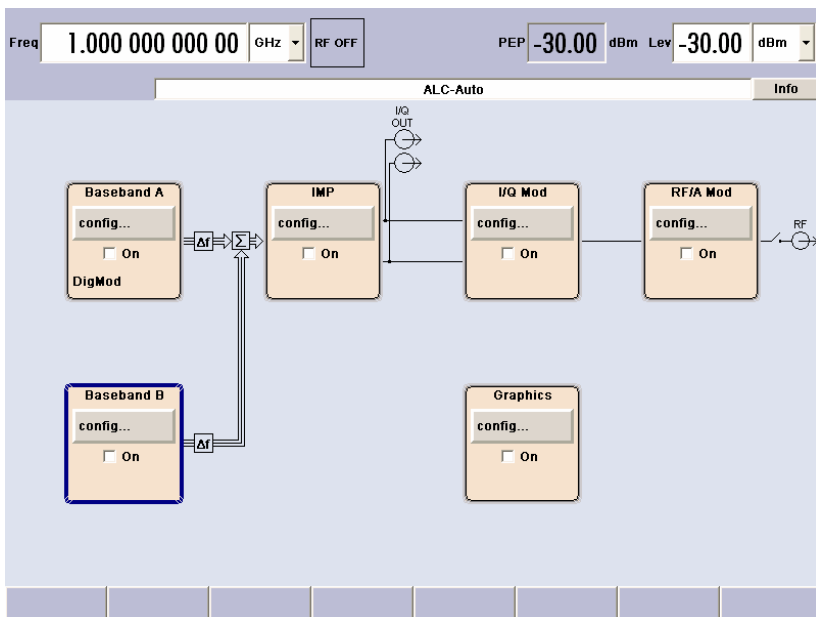


Fig. 2-4 Operation of R&S SMATE with two baseband generators and one RF path

## One Baseband Path and Two RF Paths

Possible applications:

- Generation of a modulated signal on path A and a CW interferer on path B

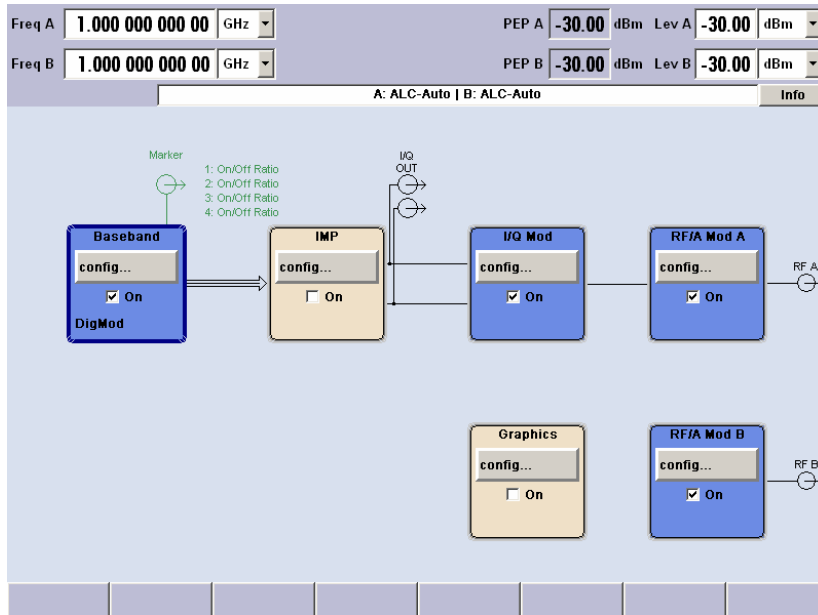


Fig. 2-5 Operation of R&S SMATE with one baseband generator and two RF paths

## Two RF Paths

Possible applications:

- Combination of an external ARB signals on path A and a CW local signal on path B
- Combination of two external ARB signals, one on path A and one on path B

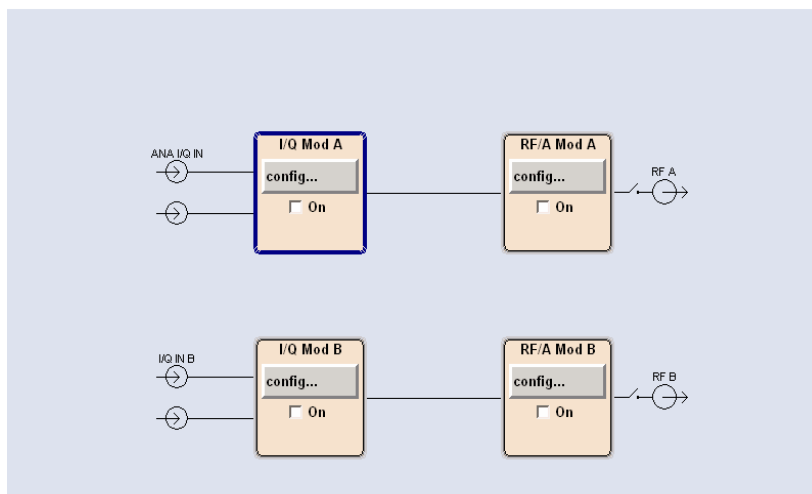


Fig. 2-5 Operation of R&S SMATE with two RF paths

## Fully Equipped Two-Path Instrument

Possible applications:

- Generation of a wanted signal and an interfering signal for receiver tests
- Generation of multicarrier signals with extremely wide bandwidth (>80 MHz)

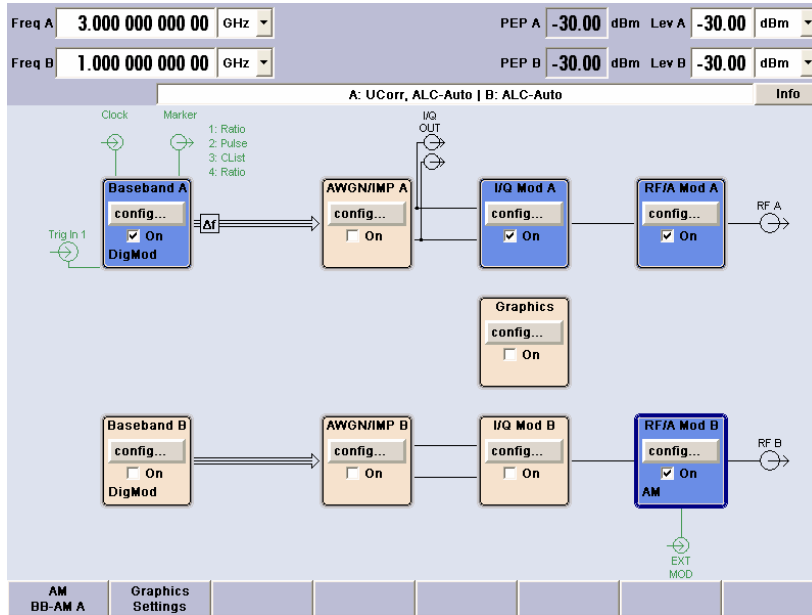


Fig. 2-6 Fully equipped two-path instrument

## Description of Individual Diagram Blocks

### Available Blocks

Block	Function of block	Status display in the block	Effect of <b>TOGGLE ON/OFF</b> key
<b>Baseband A or B</b>	Baseband source is configured and activated	Selected modulation	Switches the selected modulation (digital standard, digital modulation or ARB) on or off.
<b>AWGN/IMP A or B</b>	Additive white Gaussian noise production and digital impairments are activated	Active functions of block	Switches the active functions of the block on or off. The functions (AWGN, impairments or both) are activated in the respective menus.
<b>Graphics</b>	Graphical display is selected and activated	Status of graphical display	Opens or closes the graphics window.
<b>I/Q Mod A or B</b>	I/Q modulator is configured, I/Q impairments are selected and activated	Analog I/Q impairments, I/Q swap	Switches the I/Q modulator on or off.
<b>RF/A Mod A or B</b>	RF signal, analog modulations, list mode and sweeps are configured and activated	Active analog modulation modes of path	Switches the RF signal of the path on or off.

### Blocks of the Baseband Section

The baseband section of the R&S SMATE comprises two paths (paths A and B). Therefore, if two baseband generators are available, two baseband signals can be processed independently of each other. Routing from path A to path B and vice versa is also possible, but not after the **IMP** or **AWGN/IMP** block.

### Baseband A block



In this block, the (first) baseband source is configured and activated. The block is displayed only if a baseband generator (option R&S SMATE-B10/B11, Universal Coder and ARB) is available in the instrument. Depending on the installed software options, various digital standards, user-configured digital real time modulation or the built-in waveform generator (ARB) can be selected. The selected modulation is displayed in the block. The **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key switches the selected system on or off.

### Baseband B block



Configures the second baseband source (if installed). The block is displayed only if the instrument contains two baseband generators (option R&S SMATE-B10/B11). Depending on the installed software options, various digital standards, user-configured digital real time modulation or the built-in waveform generator (ARB) can be selected.

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**Note:** *If two baseband generators are installed and two signals of the same standard (e.g. GSM/EDGE) should be output simultaneously, the two associated software options must also be installed (in this case R&S SMATE-K40). If only one R&S SMATE-K40 is installed and GSM/EDGE is selected in the first baseband generator, the second baseband generator is disabled for GSM/EDGE. However, a software option is not tied to a specific baseband generator. In our example, **either** the first **or** the second baseband generator can output a GSM/EDGE signal.*

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### AWGN/IMP A block



This block is displayed only if a baseband main module is installed. In this block (digital) I/Q impairments for baseband path A can be set. With the aid of the software for AWGN generation (option R&S SMATE-K62), an (additive) noise signal can be produced in path A.

Impairments can be activated in the appropriate menus. The settings are displayed in the block. The entire block can be activated or deactivated with the **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key. If the block is deactivated, the signal passes through the block unchanged.

In addition, the differential I/Q output is configured in this block.

**AWGN/IMP B block**

This block is displayed only if two baseband main modules (option R&S SMATE-B13) are installed. In this block (digital) I/Q impairments for baseband path B can be set. With the aid of the software for AWGN generation (option R&S SMATE-K62), an (additive) noise signal can be produced in path B.

If a noise signal should be applied to path A and B simultaneously, two software options R&S SMATE-K62 are required.

**Graphics block**

With this block, the baseband signal (of path A or B) can be graphically displayed in real time. The block is displayed only if at least one baseband main module is installed.

**Blocks of the RF Section****I/Q Mod A block**

The (first) I/Q modulator is configured in this block. Also the Analog Wideband I/Q mode can be selected here, which allows external I/Q signals to be directly applied to the I/Q modulator, i.e. not via the baseband section. If no baseband modules are installed, I/Q modulation is possible only in the Analog Wideband I/Q mode. I and Q components can also be swapped (I/Q Swap). (Analog) I/Q impairments can be set in addition. Unlike the impairments in the AWGN/IMP block, impairments in the I/Q Mod block also affect the externally applied signals in the Analog Wideband I/Q mode.

The status display in the block shows whether I/Q impairments and/or I/Q swap is active. I/Q modulation is switched on or off with the **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key.

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**Note:** *An I/Q modulator provided in the R&S SMATE is automatically activated when a connected baseband source is switched on. The I/Q modulator can also be separately switched on and off (select the I/Q Mod block and press the **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key). This permits the following configuration to be obtained with a single-path R&S SMATE. The baseband source generates an I/Q signal that is output via the analog I/Q output. At the same time, the RF section generates an unmodulated carrier.*

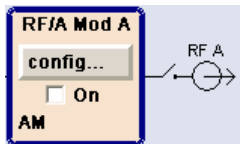
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**I/Q Mod B block**

This block controls the I/Q modulator of RF path B. It is displayed only if a second RF path is installed.

The I/Q modulator B can be driven by modulation signals from the R&S SMATE baseband section or by external analog I/Q signals (see above, I/Q Mod A).

The status display in the block shows whether I/Q impairments and/or I/Q swap is active. I/Q modulation is switched on or off with the **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key.

**RF/A Mod A/B**

In this block, the RF parameters and the analog modulation modes of path A are set.

The active analog modulation modes are displayed in the block. The **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key switches the RF signal of the path on and off. When the signal is switched off, the switch before the RF output symbol is open.

RF settings include:

- Frequency and reference frequency
- Attenuator settings; if required, switching to the high-power mode if a high-power option is installed for path A.
- Frequency and level sweep
- List Mode settings. In this mode, extremely fast frequency and level settings can be made.

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**Note:** *Numeric values for frequency and level are entered best and quickest with the aid of the **FREQ** and **LEVEL** keys.*

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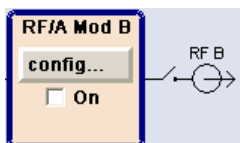
Available analog modulation modes:

- Amplitude modulation
- Broadband amplitude modulation
- Frequency modulation (option R&S SMATE-B22)
- Phase modulation (option R&S SMATE-B22)
- Pulse modulation

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**Note:** *For modulation modes that can be simultaneously used, refer to the R&S SMATE data sheet.*

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**RF/A Mod B**

In this block, settings are made for analog modulation and RF parameters of path B. This block is displayed only if a second RF path is installed.

# Example of Setup

In the example, a simple QPSK-modulated signal is configured and displayed. Proceed as described below:

1. Activate default (preset) state.
2. Select and activate digital modulation.
3. Set frequency and level and activate RF signal.
4. Select graphics display of I/Q signal.

## Step 1: Activate default (preset) state

**Preset**

Set a defined instrument state by pressing the CTRL+P key combination on the external keyboard.

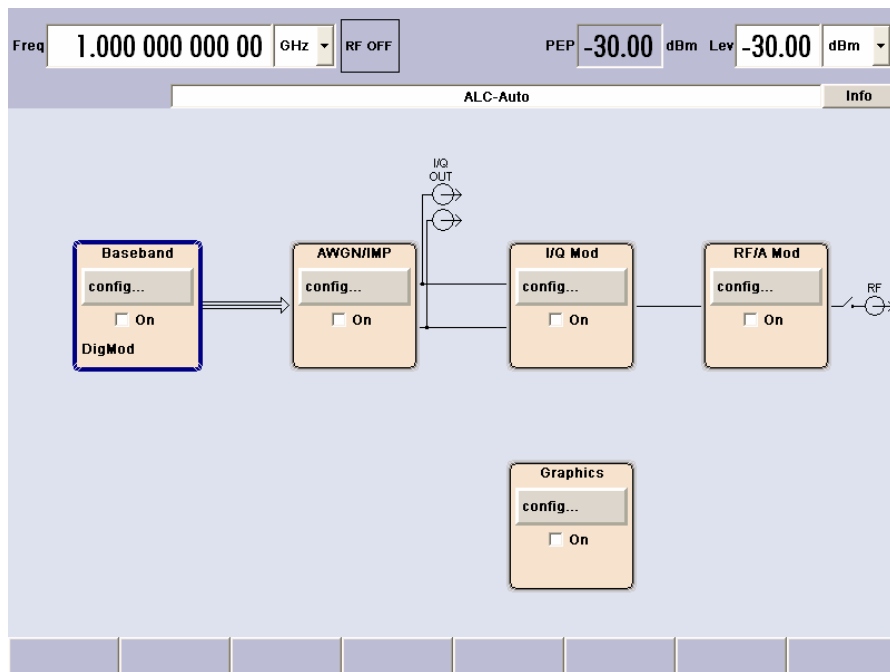
Remote control command:  
\*RST



Step 2: Select and activate digital modulation

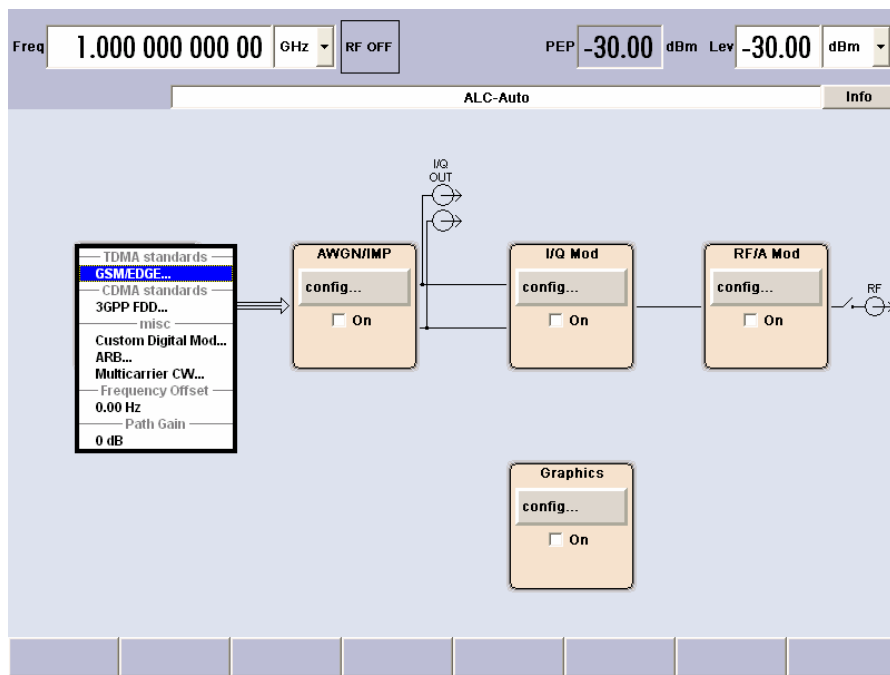
Select the Baseband A block using the cursor keys. on the external keyboard.

Remote control command: -



Press the Enter key to open the menu where the digital modulation can be selected.

Remote control command: -



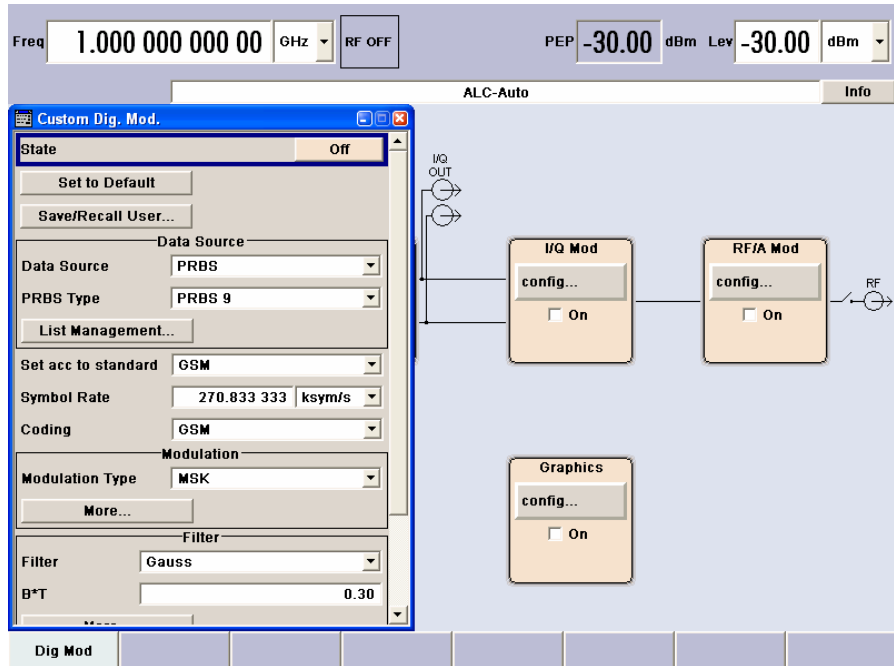
Highlight **Custom Digital Mod...** by using the cursor keys.

Remote control command: -



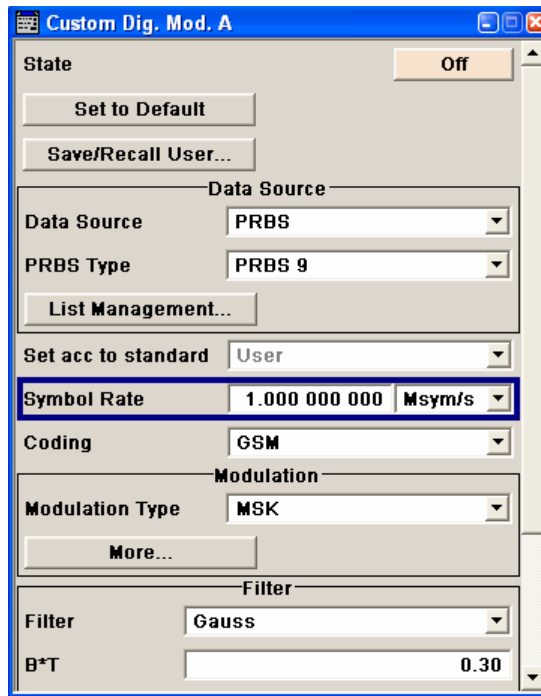
Press the Enter key to open the **Custom Dig. Mod.** menu.

Remote control command: -



Highlight the **Symbol Rate** parameter using the cursor keys, and then enter the desired symbol rate with the aid of the numeric keys.

Remote control command:  
 SOUR:BB:DM:SRAT  
 10MHz

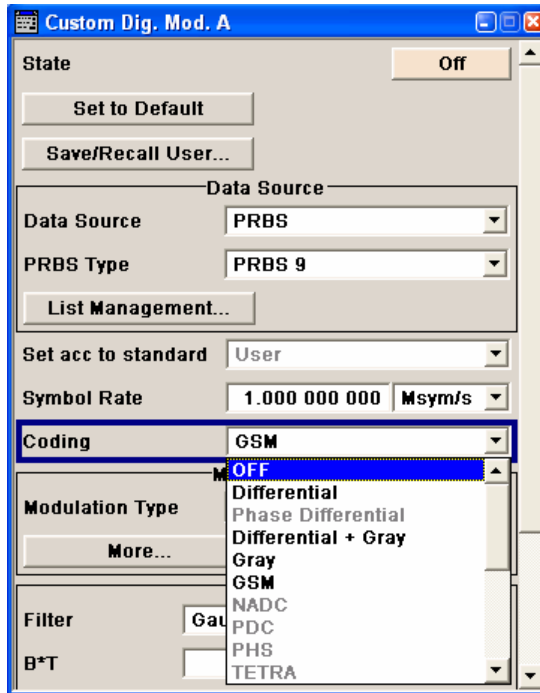


Highlight the **Coding** parameter using the cursor keys.

Open the selection list by pressing the Enter key.

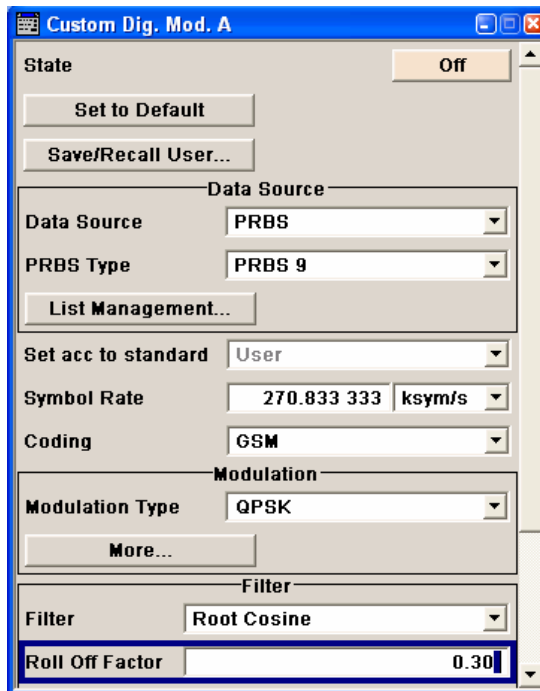
Select **Off** using the cursor keys. and activate this setting with the Enter key.

Remote control command:  
 SOUR:BB:DM:COD OFF



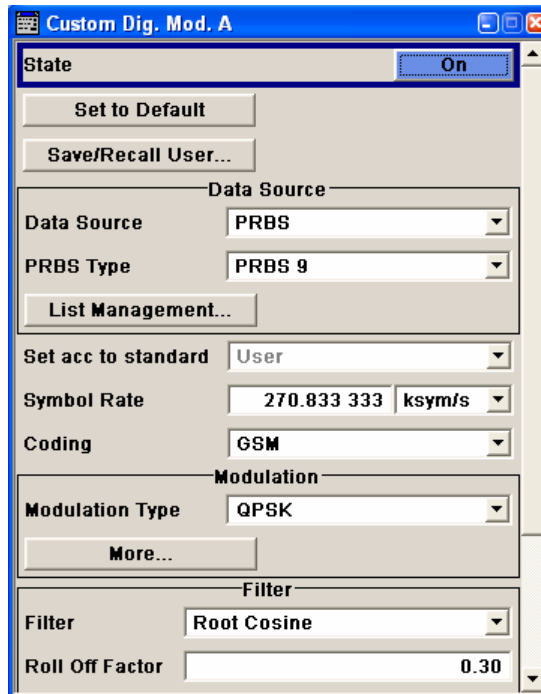
Set **Modulation Type QPSK** and **Filter Root Cosine** with **Roll Off Factor 0.3** in the same way.

Remote control commands:  
 SOUR:BB:DM:FORM QPSK  
 SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE RCOS  
 SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PARAM:RCOS 0.3



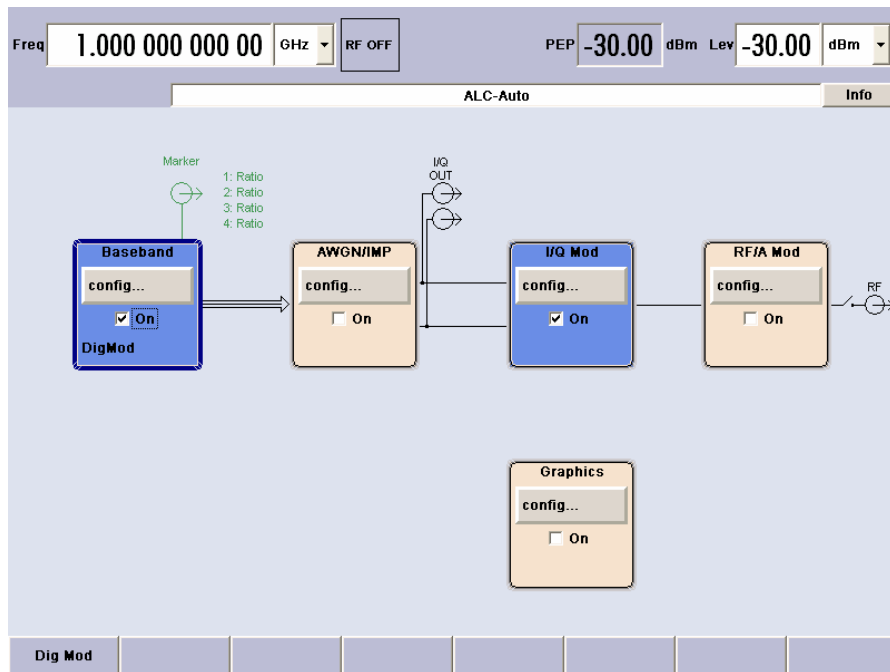
Finally, switch on digital modulation by activating **State On**.

Remote control command:  
 SOUR:BB:DM:STAT ON



Press the CTRL+D key combination to display the complete block diagram.

Remote control command: -



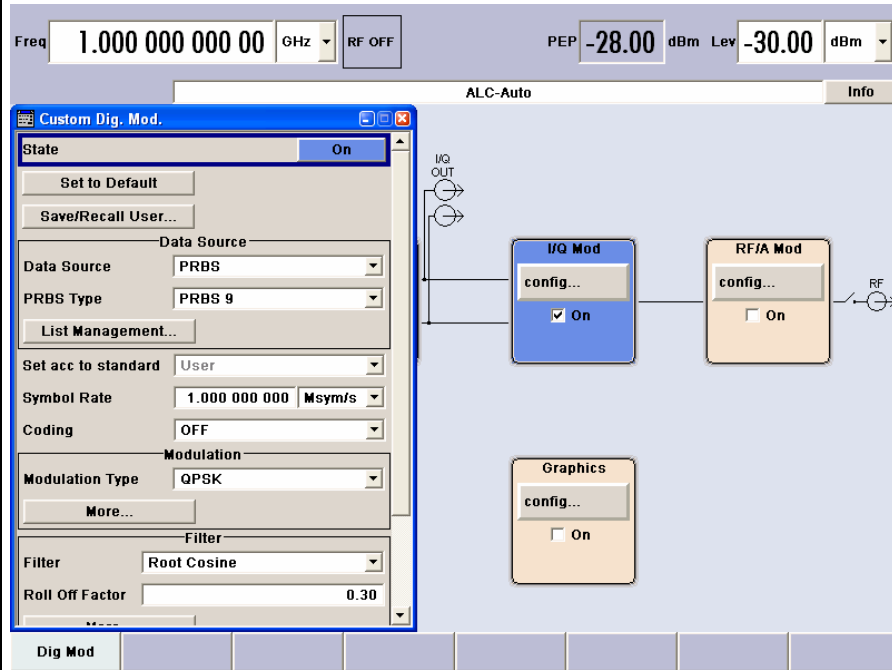
To indicate the active state, the **Baseband** block is displayed in blue. The **I/Q Mod** block is automatically activated. The **RF/A Mod** is not yet active, which means that no RF signal is output. The entry in the Winbar indicates that the Custom Dig. Mod. menu is still open in the background.

The menu can be displayed in the foreground by pressing the ESC key.

Press the CTRL+H key combination to minimize the menu again.

Press the ESC key again to close the menu.

Remote control command: -

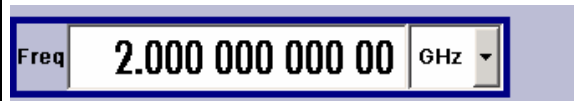


**Step 3: Set frequency and level and activate RF signal**

Press the CTRL+F key combination to activate the editing mode for frequency entry. The frequency entry field in the header section of the display is highlighted.

Enter the frequency using the numeric keys and terminate the entry by pressing the ALT+F9 key combination for unit GHz.

Remote control command:  
SOUR:FREQ 2E9

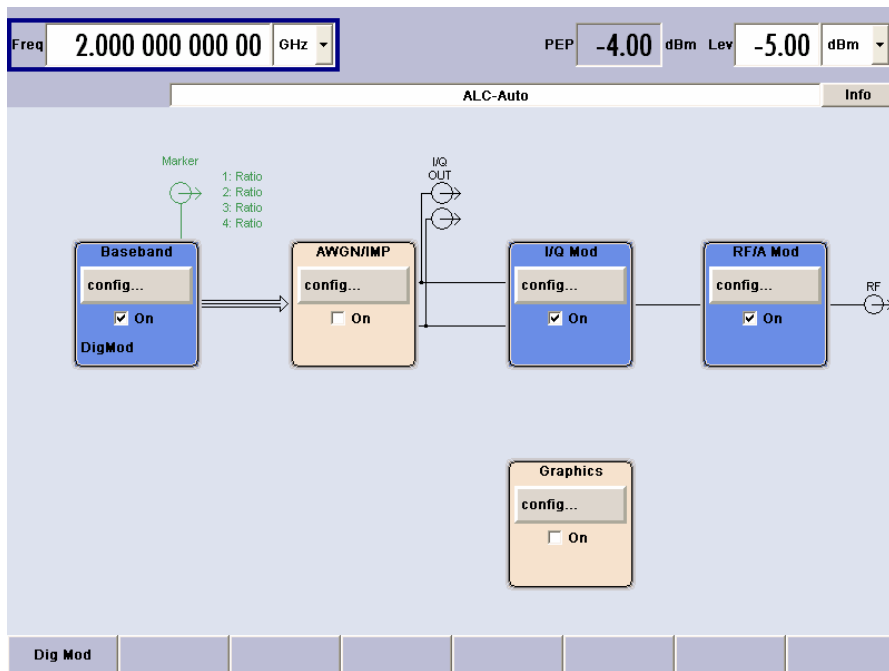


Enter the level in the same way after pressing the CTRL+L key combination.



Remote control command:  
SOUR : LEV -5dBm

Press the CTRL+D key combination to display the complete block diagram.



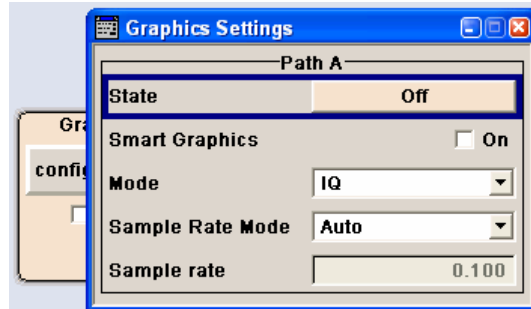
Select the RF/A Mod block and activate it.

Remote control command:  
OUTP : STAT ON

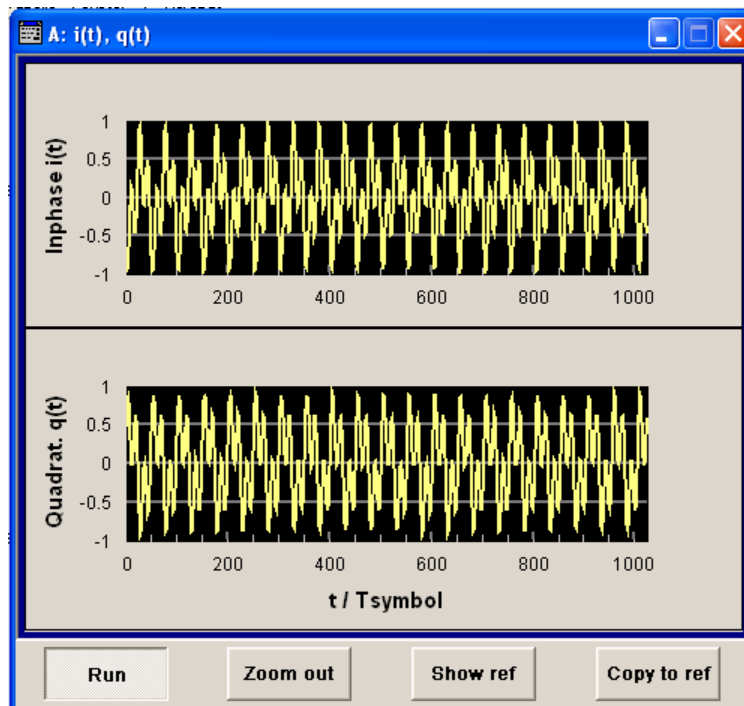
The QPSK modulation signal is now present at the RF output.

**Step 4:** Select graphics display of I/Q signal

Select the Graphics block and open the respective menu.



Activate display of the I/Q diagram by selecting **State On** with the rotary knob.



The R&S SMATE comprises a comprehensive **info** and **help system** in manual control. Context-sensitive help can be called any time with the F1 key. The help system indicates the currently selected parameter and offers additional services such as cross references, index and contents. The content of the help system corresponds to the operating manual of the R&S SMATE.

Warning and conflict messages caused by incorrect operation as well as further information are displayed in the **Info line**. A complete list of existing conflicts is displayed when the CTRL+I key combination is pressed. Additional information on entries can be requested from the help system. The history function permits display of all messages.

**Assistants** simplify the completion of tables. After data entry in the assistant, the table is modified only after the **Accept** button has been pressed. Pressing the **Accept** button also stores the assistant data.

Detailed operating instructions follow in Chapter 3, "[Manual Operation](#)".

Menus and instrument functions are described in detail in Chapter 4, "[Instrument Functions](#)".





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# 3 Manual Operation

## Introduction - Manual Operation

The following chapter describes the manual control of the R&S SMATE is provided even though the Vector Signal Generator is primarily intended to be remote-controlled via the GPIB interface or a LAN connection. Manual control using an external monitor, mouse and keyboard or from an external PC via a network link might help the user to get familiar with the instrument. The chapter includes a description of screenshots, operation of menus and the block diagram and the setting of parameters.

The introduction into remote control is provided in section "[Remote Control - Basics](#)", on page 5.1.

The Vector Signal Generator R&S SMATE can be operated manually either via the interactive block diagram or via a menu tree. All menus are in the form of windows that can be operated in the same way. Key combinations on the external keyboard or alternatively a mouse allow direct access to entries and settings. A key emulation menu can be called from the window XP operating system (START - Programs - Accessories - Accessibility - On-Screen Keyboard). Thus, operation via mouse only is possible. This is supported by an R&S SMATE specific key emulation that emulates the front panel function keys of the R&S<sup>®</sup> SMU200A. The R&S SMATE-specific key emulation is called by a right-click of the mouse. An overview of the key combinations can be found in the following section "[Legend of Manual Controls](#)".

The clear-cut display shows the current signal generator state. Graphs, spectra, vector diagrams, etc, can be called for a visual check of the output signal. Numerous help functions support the user in signal configuration.

Chapter 4 includes a detailed description of signal generator functions. Chapter 2 explains the operating concept in general and includes a brief introduction to operation by a step-by-step description of the configuration. Remote control of the instrument is described in chapters 5, 6 and 7.

## Legend of Manual Controls

The following table lists all available key combinations used on the PC keyboard to trigger functions on the instrument. Keyboard labels are described in alphabetical order.

In addition, a front panel key emulation and an on-screen keyboard can be used for manual operation with mouse only (see below).

Key of PC keyboard / Function Button	Short description of function	Function
. / *...#	Special characters	Enters a special character, e.g a period/decimal point.
+/-	Sign	Enters the sign.
- / (shift+) a...z	A↔a	Switches between upper-case and lower-case letters.
ALT + F9	Units G/n / dB $\mu$ V / dBu	Selects the unit Giga/Nano, dB $\mu$ V for the RF level and dBu for the LF level.
ALT + F10	Units M/ $\mu$ / $\mu$ V	Selects the units Mega/Micro and $\mu$ V for RF levels.
ALT + F11	Units k/m / $\mu$ V	Selects the units Kilo/Milli and $\mu$ V for RF levels.
ALT + F12	Enter function Unit dBm	Confirms entries in the base unit and values without a unit. Selects dBm for the RF level and dB for level offset and level step width.
Backspace	Clears entry	Clears the last entry (number, sign or decimal point)

Key of PC keyboard / Function Button	Short description of function	Function
Cursor keys	Cursor	Moves the cursor.
CTRL+ 0-9 / a...z		Enters the number/letter.
CTRL + C	Recalculate	Starts recalculation of the signal.
CTRL+ D / Diagram	Block diagram	Sets the cursor on the block diagram and hides all menus.
CTRL + E / Setup	Setup menu	Opens the setup menu for general instrument settings.
CTRL + F1 – F8	Softkey 1 – 8	Triggers the function assigned to the softkey.
CTRL+ F / Freq	Frequency	Activates the frequency entry.
CTRL + G	Closes menus	Closes an active menu.
CTRL+ H	Hide	Minimizes the active menu. Pressing the respective button in the Winbar opens the menu again.
CTRL + I / Info	Info	Opens/closes the info window
CTRL + L / Level	Level	Activates the level entry.
CTRL + M / Menu	Menu	Calls the menu selection list.
CTRL + O / Mod On/Off	Modulation on/off	Switches modulation on/off. MOD OFF is indicated in the status line.
CTRL + P / Preset	Preset	Restores a defined basic instrument setup.
CTRL + Q / Local	Local	Switches the instrument from remote control to manual control.
CTRL + R / RF On/Off	RF on/off	Switches the RF output signal on/off. RF OFF is indicated in the status line. Both RF output signals are always deactivated in the case of two-path instruments.
CTRL + S / File	Storage under Windows	Activates the menu for storing instrument settings.
CTRL + T	Toggle on/off	Switches a block or parameter on/off.  Toggles between the different possibilities of setting a selection parameter.
CTRL+ Y / Hardcopy	Hardcopy	Opens the menu for configuring and starting a hardcopy.
CTRL + W / Winbar	Winbar	Displays the Winbar in the foreground/background.
Einfg	Insert	Activates the insert mode.
Enter	Enter	Terminates an entry.
ESC	ESC	Selects the next higher menu/selection level. When the editing mode is exited with ESC, the previous value is restored.
F1 / Help	Help	Opens/closes context-sensitive help.

The R&S SMATE also provides a front panel key emulation to enable fast execution of the instrument specific functions by mouse. The emulation is called on the external monitor by a right mouse click. The instrument functions are executed by a mouse click on the associated button. The buttons are listed with the respective key combinations in the first column of the table.



In addition, the Windows XP operating system provides a keyboard emulation that can be used for system settings if no external keyboard but a mouse is available. It is called on the external monitor in the **START - Programs - Accessories - Accessibility** menu, selection **On-Screen Keyboard**.



## Operating Concept

The operating concept for manual control enables the user to make settings as intuitively as possible and at the same time gives a permanent overview of characteristics of the generated signal and of the current instrument state. Numerous on-line help functions support user settings.

**The block diagram is the core of the operating concept.**

A large graphics display showing the current configuration and the signal flow in the form of a block diagram is the core of the operating concept of the Vector Signal Generator R&S SMATE. The block diagram gives an overview of signal configuration, and the graphical elements can be accessed for operation. The desired element is selected by means of the cursor keys and the associated setting function is called by pressing the Enter key. Required menus and graphs are displayed on the block diagram which is displayed again in the foreground whenever the CTRL+D key combination is pressed.

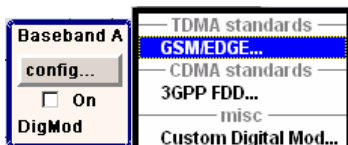
**Permanent display of frequency and level of the RF output signal**

The main characteristics of the RF signal, frequency and level, are permanently displayed in the header section of the screen and can be directly set in the display fields after the CTRL+F or CTRL+L key combination is pressed. Status messages for the output signal are displayed in addition to frequency and level.

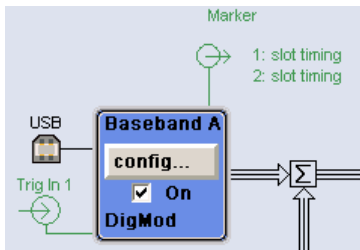


**Operation via the graphics interface**

Menus are assigned to the specific function blocks in the block diagram. The function blocks represent elements of signal generation, e.g. the baseband block which contains all menus required for baseband signal configuration. In this block all digital standards and the digital modulation can be selected. Function blocks displayed with a blue frame can be directly switched on and off by means of the CTRL+T key combination. In the example, digital modulation can be activated in this way. The menus of the highlighted function blocks can be called by pressing the ENTER key.



The signal flow between the function blocks and the employed inputs and outputs are also shown.

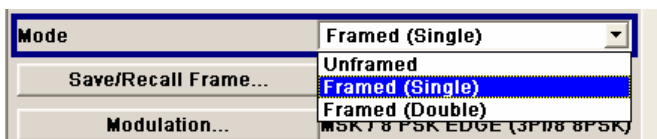


The menu tree can be opened and closed with the CTRL+M key combination. The menu tree is organized in the same way as the directories under Windows. The function blocks correspond to the first directory level, the menus to subdirectories.



**Operation corresponds to the Windows concept**

To offer the user a familiar environment, operation is very similar to operation of Windows user interfaces. All menus and tables are made up of known elements, e.g. selection lists,



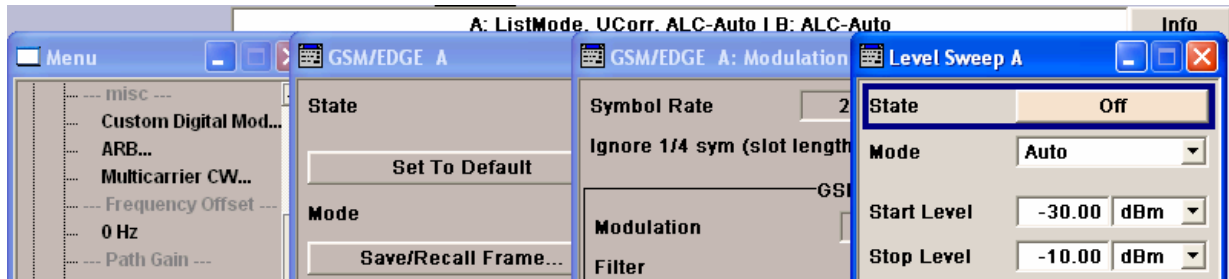
check boxes  ignore 1/4 sym (slot length 156 sym)

or entry fields Filter Parameter 0.30

A blue frame indicates that the selected item is active. In the highlighted element, entries can be made.

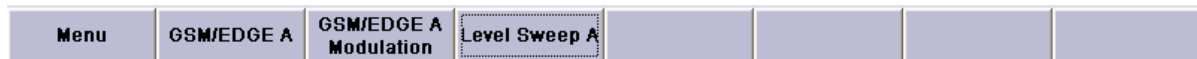
**Clear settings with the aid of independent submenus**

A separate menu is opened for each menu and submenu. The menus can be operated independently of each other, i.e. none of the menus requires that settings in other menus be completed before it can be closed. This ensures flexible operation at all times.



**The Winbar gives an overview of menus and simplifies their access.**

The menus are displayed on top of the block diagram but they can be "hidden", i.e. displayed in the form of a button in the Winbar at the lower end of the screen ( CTRL+H key combination). This makes room on the screen for other displays that may be required but the setting menus can thus be accessed any time.



**The keys are assigned simple functions**

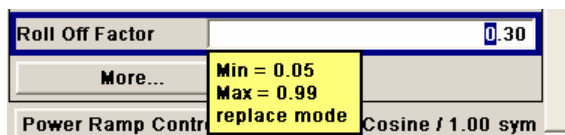
Most key combinations directly perform a simple function. Since a great number of settings can thus be made by a keystroke, operation is easy. For instance, the ESC key closes the active menu; with the CTRL+R key combination key the RF output signals can be switched on or off.

An exception are key combinations that call a menu such as the CTRL+R key combination which opens the complete menu tree of the R&S SMATE, the CTRL+E key combination which opens the menus for general instrument settings or the CTRL+S key combination which opens the menu for file management.

**Help functions support the user**

Numerous help functions support the user in signal configuration.

The valid setting range can be displayed for each numeric parameter. This requires a short wait after activation of the entry field. The range is then displayed automatically after a few seconds. If the entered value is outside the permissible range, the next permissible value is automatically set and a message is output (see below).



Context-sensitive help for each parameter can be called with the F1 key:

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### State - GSM/EDGE

Switch the GSM/EDGE standard on/off.

Switching on this standard turns off all the other digital standards and digital modulation types on the same path.

GSM/EDGE is a realtime system (no precalculated signal), and therefore all parameter changes (in the ON state) directly affect the output signal.

Remote-control command:  
**:SOUR:BB:GSM:STAT ON**

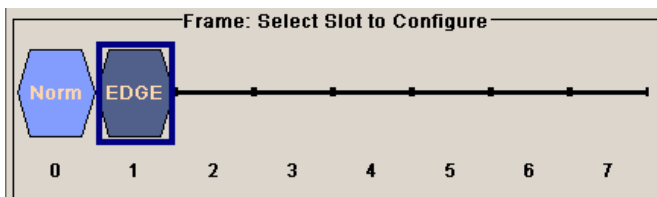
Each help page is part of a comprehensive online help function which can be called by means of an index, a content tree or the **Previous / Next** buttons.

### Messages indicate the current instrument state

A great variety of different messages such as status messages, error messages, warnings or information are displayed in the header field of the screen. With the aid of the CTRL+I key combination, help pages can be called for most of the messages. They provide background information on the message and indicate operating steps that may be required. All messages are explained in the online help which can be called with the F1 key.

### Graphical display of data structure

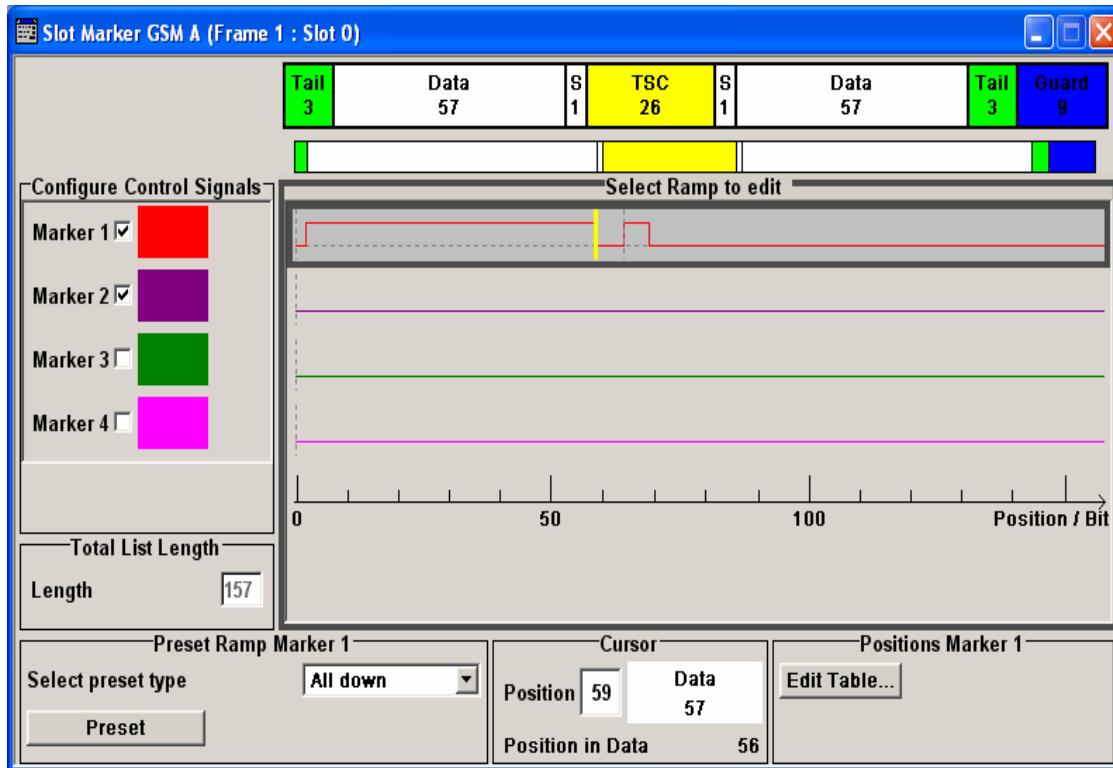
The structure of the baseband signal is graphically displayed in the respective menus; the individual signal elements can be graphically selected for processing.





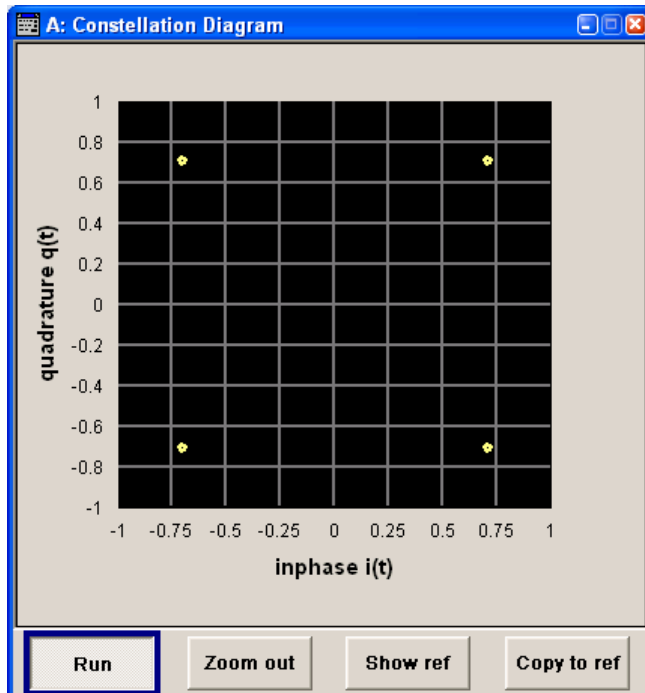
**Definition of control signals with the aid of a graphics editor**

Control signals are also graphically configured.



**Graphical display of output signal in a diagram**

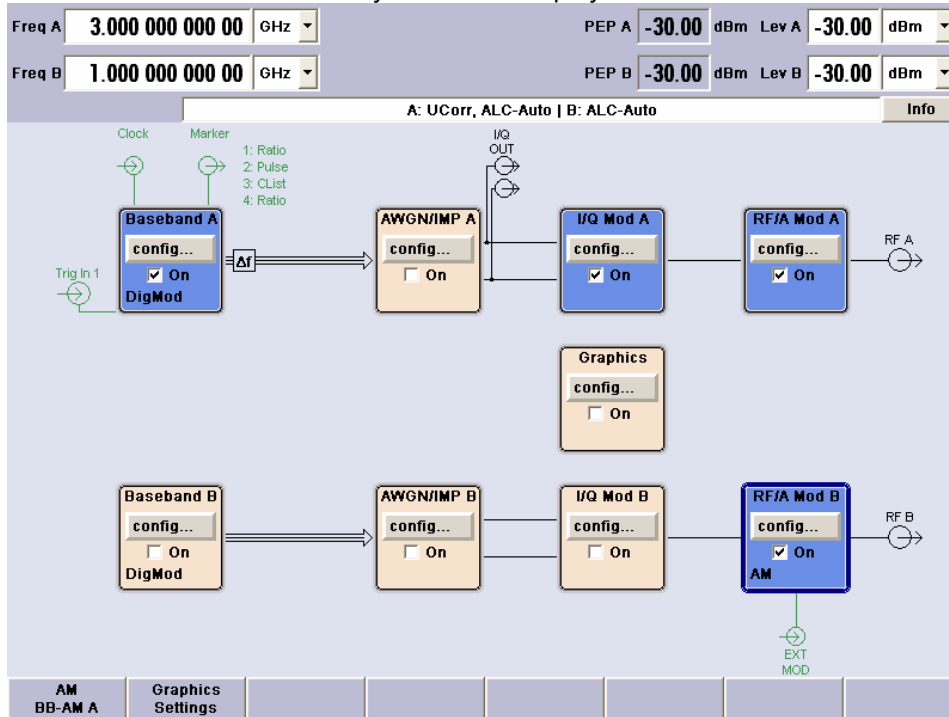
The output signal can be graphically displayed in a number of diagrams. This allows a fast check of signal characteristics. Zoom functions and the insertion of a reference trace permit in-depth evaluation without an external analyzer being required.



## Display

The external display shows the current signal generator state and offers graphical elements for direct operation. It is divided into three sections:

- The frequency and level display with info line indicates the main output signal parameters and reports the current state with status, error and warning messages.
- The block diagram shows the instrument configuration, the signal characteristic as well as the inputs and outputs used and permits interactive operation via graphics elements. Active menus and graphs are displayed on top of the block diagram.
- Winbar with labelled softkeys for menu display.



## Frequency and Level Setting - Display

Frequency/level settings and a few status messages (see below) are displayed in the header field of the screen. The display may vary depending on the instrument's operating mode:

- In the case of two-path instruments, the RF information for the two paths is displayed in two lines.
- In the sweep mode, the current frequency or level of the output signal is displayed. The status message **ListMode** is displayed in the info line.
- In the list mode, neither the current frequency nor level is displayed, the indication is dimmed.
- If user correction is active, the status message **UCorr** is displayed in the info line.
- In the case of digital modulation, **Freq** indicates the frequency, **PEP** the peak envelope power and **Level** the average level.

It should be noted that the signal at the RF output may differ from the indicated value by a set offset (frequency or level) (see sections "[RF Frequency and Phase - Frequency - Phase](#)" and "[RF Level - Level - EMF](#)" in chapter 4).

## Status Information and Messages - Display

The status information and messages are displayed in the header section of the screen. The messages differ with respect to their importance (errors, warnings, info) and the time of their appearance (brief and permanent messages). They require different treatment by the user. Further information on all messages can be called in the info window (see section "[Info Window - Display](#)", page 3.10).

Chapter 9, "Error Messages" includes an overview of all status information and messages as well as instructions for error elimination.

### Status Information

The status information gives the user an overview of the main operating states and settings of the R&S SMATE. The states are indicated for information only and do not necessitate any action by the user. Status information is displayed between the frequency and level fields, at the left of the info line or in the info line itself. On two-path instruments, all states that can occur independently in the two paths are displayed separately for each path. The associated path is indicated in the info line.

Freq A	1.000 001 000 00	GHz	FREQ OFFSET	EXT REF	LEVEL OFFSET	PEP A	-29.00	dBm	Lev A	-29.00	dBm
Freq B	1.000 000 000 00	GHz	RF OFF			PEP B	-30.00	dBm	Lev B	-30.00	dBm
A: ALC-Auto   B: ALC-Auto											Info

### Messages

Messages indicate errors in the instrument. They are displayed in the info line in different colours depending on their importance and display duration. Errors (e.g. no calibration data) are displayed in red, information (e.g. file not found) and warnings in black. Warnings indicate less significant errors (e.g. the instrument operates outside specified data).

#### Volatile messages

Brief messages report automatic settings in the instrument (e.g. switching off of incompatible types of modulation) or on illegal entries that are not accepted by the instrument (e.g. range violations). They are displayed in the info line on a yellow background. They are displayed on top of status information or permanent messages.

Volatile messages do not normally demand user actions and disappear automatically after a brief period of time. They are stored in the history, however.

These messages can be read from remote using `SYST:ERR?` or `SYST:ERR:ALL?`

#### Permanent messages

Permanent messages are displayed if an error occurs that impairs further instrument operation, e.g. a hardware fault. The error signalled by a permanent message must be eliminated before correct instrument operation can be ensured.

The message is displayed until the error is eliminated. It covers the status display in the info line. After error elimination, the message automatically disappears and is also recorded in the history.

These messages can be read from remote using `SYST:SERR?`

## Info Window - Display

A few operating states and the current message are displayed in the info line (see also chapter 9 "[Error Messages](#)").

The info window with a list of current permanent messages and a detailed description of each message can be opened with the CTRL+I key combination.

The upper section of the info window contains a list of all current permanent messages in the order of their occurrence, i.e. the most recent message is displayed first. In the lower section of the window, additional information on the highlighted message is displayed.

A history of all messages that have occurred since instrument switch-on can be called with the **History** softkey. The most recent message is displayed first.

The screenshot shows the Info Window interface. At the top, there is a status bar with the text "A: UCorr, ALC-Auto | B: ALC-Auto" and an "Info" button. Below this is a list of messages with columns for level, SCPI code, and text. The messages are: "Err 463 Filename missing", "Err 241 No current list", "Err 463 Filename missing", and "Info 0 SawRcl Manager Info: operation complete -Recall completed". Below the list is a yellow box containing the text "- No pending errors." At the bottom, there are four softkey buttons: "Delete", "Delete all", "Del. volatile", and "History".

Info line

List of current messages with short message text.

Detailed description for highlighted message

Softkeys

The messages are color-coded according to their level. Device-specific messages are red, infos and remote control error are black. The level is also indicated in the **Lev** column (Err, Sys or Info). Column **SCPI** indicates the SCPI error code.

With the aid of the softkey buttons, error messages can be cleared and a history of all messages called.

**Delete** Clears the highlighted message. This button is available only if the history of the messages is displayed.

Remote-control command: (see below)

**Delete All** Clears all messages.

This button is available only if the history of the messages is displayed.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Delete Vol.** Clears all volatile messages. This button is available only if the history of the messages is displayed.

Remote-control command: `SYST:ERR:ALL`

**History** Calls the list of all messages that have occurred since instrument switch-on. The most recent messages are displayed at the top of the list. When the button is pressed again, the list of current messages is displayed.

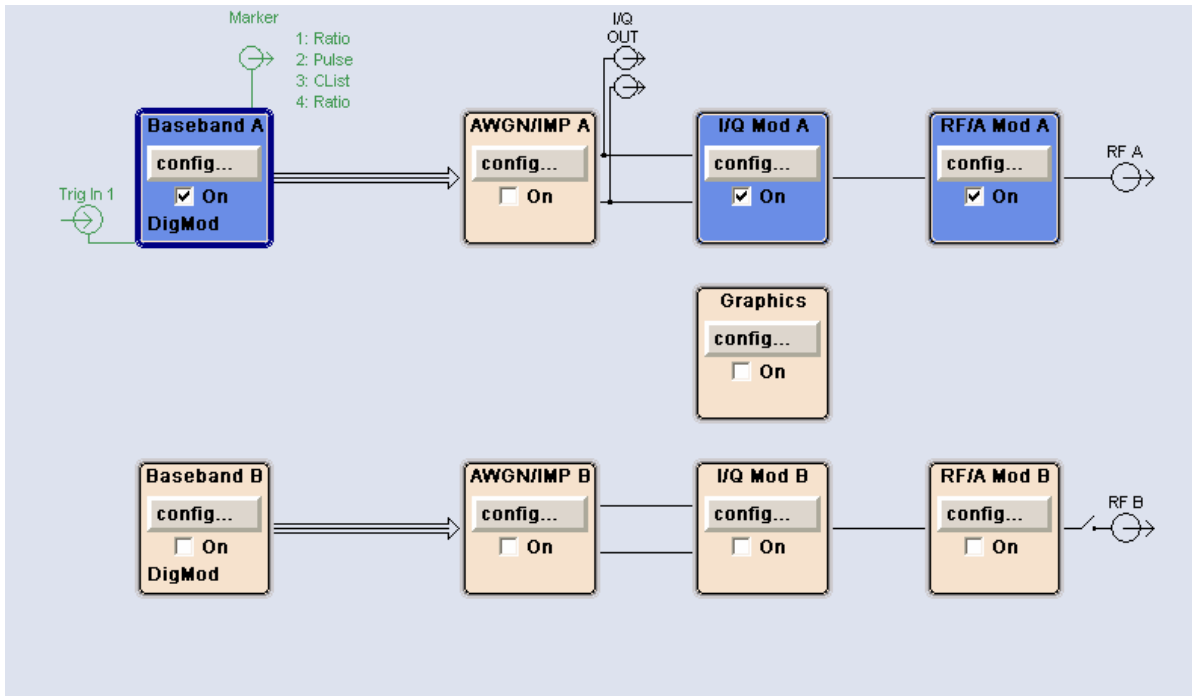
Remote-control command:

`:SYST:ERR?` or `:STAT:QUE?`

(Each time a `SYSTem:ERRor?` or `:STATus:QUEue?` query is sent, the oldest entry in the error queue is returned and at the same time cleared in the list).

## Block Diagram - Display

The block diagram shows provided options, signal configuration and the currently selected signal flow of the generator with inputs and outputs used. Signal generation can be completely operated from the block diagram. The highlighted function block can be directly switched on and off with the CTRL+T key combination. Pressing the Enter key opens the associated setting menu.



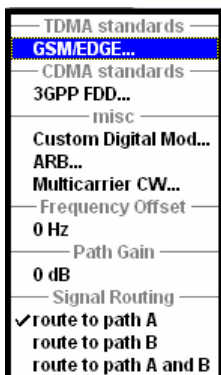
Each block represents a function of signal generation. The function is indicated in the headline of the block, e.g. **Baseband A**. In this block, the digital modulation signal, the digital standards, arbitrary waveform generation and multicarrier CW are set, for instance.



In the check box  **On**, the respective function can be quickly activated/deactivated with the CTRL+T key combination. After activation, the block is displayed in blue.

Status information is displayed below the check box. It is different for the different blocks. In the baseband block, for instance, the selected modulation and associated additional information, e.g. the number of channels, are indicated.

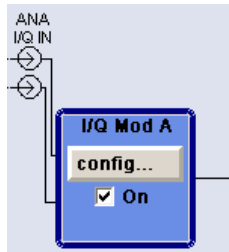
Pressing the Enter key opens the associated setting menu. In all function blocks where the signal flow can be influenced, the top menu level for setting **signal routing** parameters is offered.



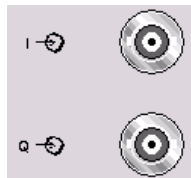
The input/output symbols in the block diagram show the currently used inputs and outputs of the signal generator. Unused inputs and outputs are not shown. The lines indicate the signal flow.

Symbols and labels refer to the corresponding inputs and outputs on the front and rear panel of the signal generator. The direction - input or output - is indicated by an arrow.

**Example:**

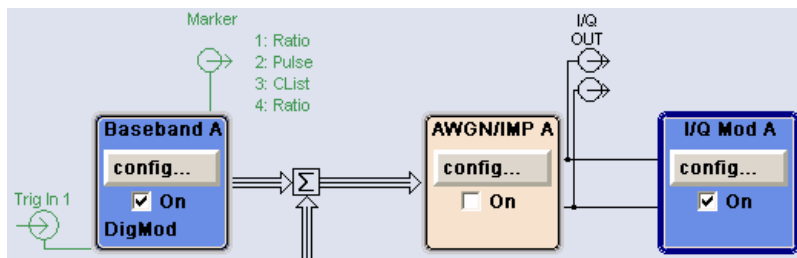


The symbols indicate the inputs for the analog I and Q signal on the instrument front panel.



The marker characteristics are listed next to the marker symbol of the active markers.

Symbols and lines are displayed in different colours depending on their function.



- The baseband signal is indicated by a three line arrow, the I- and Q-components of the signal by a single-line arrow.
- Addition of signals is indicated by the summation sign.
- Connections are indicated by a "solder point".
- Black is used for the generated signal.
- Green is used for control signals.

The signal flow is configured in the individual menus. User interfaces are configured in the **Setup - Environment - Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs - USER Marker /AUX I/O Settings** menu.

## Winbar and Softkeys - Display

The Winbar with eight buttons is displayed below the block diagram. Labelled buttons represent open menus, the label indicates the menu. If several menus are open, the button of the currently active menu is displayed in a lighter colour. The buttons also assign functions to the softkeys of the next lower level for front-panel operation. Up to eight menus may be open simultaneously. When the ninth menu is opened, the menu that was opened first is automatically closed.

Dig Mod A	Dig Mod A Modulation	Dig Mod A Data Src	Digital Mod A Pow Ramp				
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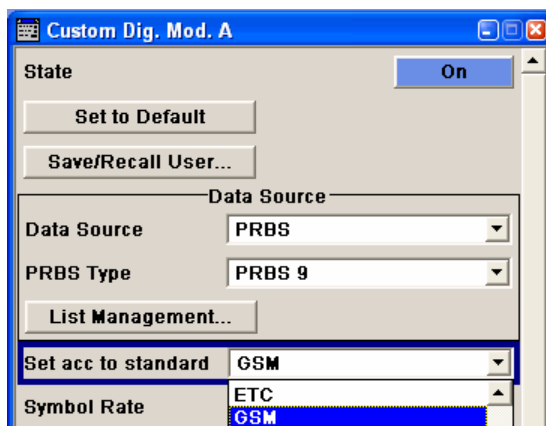
Some menus, e.g. data and list editor menus, cover the Winbar and assign menu-specific functions to the front-panel softkeys by way of the menu buttons.

Any of the open menus can be activated either with the respective button in the Winbar or the front-panel softkey. In combination with the keys for menu operation (ESC, CTRL+H), convenient menu operation can be ensured.

Menu operation is described in section "[Menu Operation](#)", page 3.25.

## Menu Structure - Display

The parameters are set in the menus. Menus are called either via the function blocks in the diagram or by means of the CTRL+M key combination. The menus are displayed on top of the block diagram. If the menu buttons assign menu-specific functions to the softkeys, the Winbar is hidden.





This section describes the menu structure. Menu operation is described in section "[Menu Operation](#)", page 3.25, the setting of parameters in section "[Setting Parameters](#)", page 3.17.

The menus are in Windows format. They differ in details depending on their function but they consist of the same main elements.



### Menu header

The header line contains the name of the menu (e.g. Custom Dig. Mod. A) and the buttons for minimizing  and closing  the menu. The buttons can be operated with the mouse. For operation from the external key board, the CTRL+H key combination and the ESC key can be used.

The remaining menu area is variable and comprises various fields for setting parameters.

Each of the setting fields is assigned a parameter name. The kind of setting varies depending on the parameter to be set.

Roll Off Factor 0.35

File Name:

**Entry field**

A numeric value (e.g. roll-off factor) or an alpha-numeric value (e.g. file name) can be entered in this field.

Set acc to standard GSM

Bluetooth

DECT

ETC

GSM

GSM EDGE

NADC

PDC

PHS

TETRA

WCDMA-3GPP

**Selection field**

The button indicates that a selection can be made from a list. The fold-down selection list is displayed below the selection field. Depending on the number of entries, the full list or only part of it is shown.

One entry at a time can be selected from the list.

If an item is not available for selection, it is printed in grey and cannot be accessed.

Symbol Rate 270.833 333 ksym/s

Coding GSM ksym/s

Modulation Msym/s

Symbol Rate 270.833 333 ksym/s

Coding GSM ksym/s

Modulation Msym/s

**Units**

The unit of a parameter is displayed next to the value. When the parameter is edited, the unit is selected either from the list or by means of the front-panel keys. When the entry is completed, the unit can be changed. In this case the value remains unchanged but is automatically adapted to the new unit.

Ignore 1/4 sym (slot length 156 sym)

**Check-box field**

If the check box is ticked, the associated parameter setting is active (e.g. switched on).

Coding GSM

OFF

Modulation Type Differential

Phase Differential

**Access denied**

Some settings can only be made in a specific configuration. If setting is not permitted with the specific configuration selected, the respective item is disabled and displayed in grey and the entry or selection field cannot be accessed.



**Impairments**

State

I Leakage  %

Q Leakage  %

Imbalance  %

Quadrature Offset  deg

**Menu area**

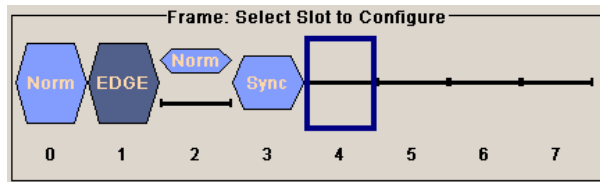
Several fields of associated but separately set parameters can be organized in a menu area.

The menu area is framed and labelled with the function common to all parameters (e.g. Impairments).

	Chan Type	Enh Sett	Slot Form	Symb Rate ksp
0	P-CPICH	No		15
1	S-CPICH	No		15
2	P-SCH	No		15
3	S-SCH	No		15
4	P-CCPCH	Config...		15
5	S-CCPCH	No	#0	15

**Tables**

Tables are made up of a header, which normally contains the column labels, and lines containing the text.



**Graphical display**

Graphical displays show signal characteristics and in some of them the element to be set can be selected.

Execute Single Sweep

Trigger/Marker...

Zoom in    Zoom out

**Buttons**

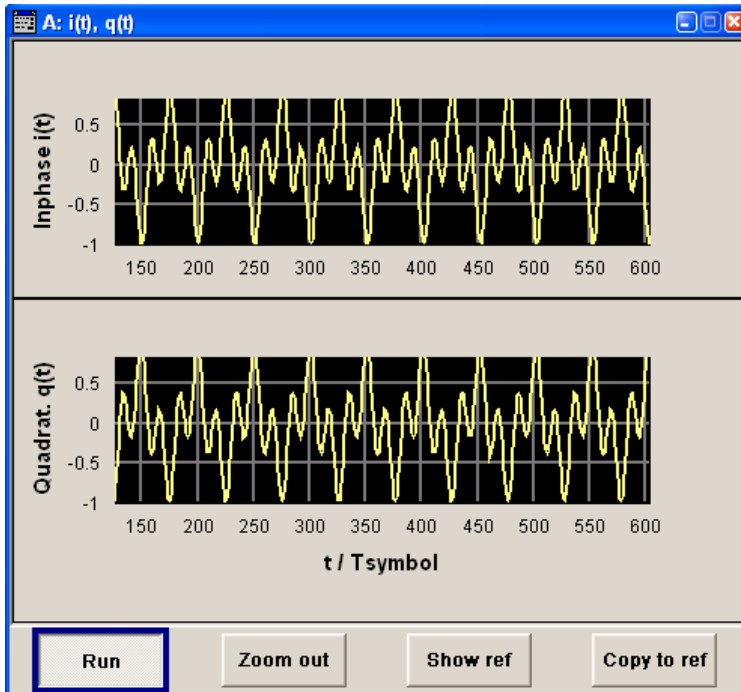
The buttons either trigger a single action (e.g. **Execute Single Sweep**), or call the next menu level (to be identified by 3 dots, e.g. **Markers...**).

Some menus contain buttons that assign a function to the front-panel softkey below. These menus cover the Winbar..

## Graphical Display of Output Signal Characteristics

The graphical display of the output signal enables the user to rapidly check signal characteristics without connecting an analyzer. Zoom functions and the display of a reference trace allow in-depth evaluation. The diagram is displayed on top of the block diagram. It can be minimized and called in the same way as a menu.

Example: I/Q diagram



The **Graphics Settings** menu for selecting the graphics display of the output signal can be called either via the **Graphics** function block in the diagram or with the aid of the CTRL+M key combination. Operation of the graphics windows is analogous to menu operation. The menu and the individual graphical displays are described in chapter 4, section [>>Graphics Display - Graphics](#)".

## Setting Parameters

The R&S SMATE offers several and sometimes alternative possibilities for setting parameters. Manual operation is possible with the aid of a mouse and/or from an external keyboard. Operation of the R&S SMATE with the aid of these control media is shown in the tables below.

Frequency and level are directly set in the header area of the display using the CTRL+F and CTRL+L key combinations.

Some of the key combinations trigger a direct action, e.g. the CTRL+R key combination switches the RF output on and off. An overview of key functions can be found at the start of this chapter (see section "[Legend of Manual Controls](#)", page 3.1), a detailed description of key functions is given in chapter 4.

Most of the parameters are set in the menus. Menus can be opened from the function blocks of the diagram either with the aid of the external keyboard or by a mouse click on the **Config...** button. An exception are the **Setup** and **File** menus. In the **Setup** menu, general settings are made which are not directly concerned with signal generation, e.g. setting of the IEC/IEEE-bus address. In the **File** menu, files and lists are managed. These menus can only be called with the CTRL+E (setup) and CTRL+S (File) key combinations.

Specific settings can also be made directly in the block diagram, e.g. activating a function block by means of the CTRL+T key combination. Changes affecting the signal flow are immediately visible in the graphics display.

The R&S SMATE uses the WindowsXP® operating system. Settings at system level are only rarely required, e.g. installation of a new printer driver. For operation of WindowsXP®, a keyboard and a mouse are required, the operating system can not be accessed via remote control.

### Calling a Menu - Setting Parameters

After instrument switch-on, the cursor is always on the first function block of the diagram (default setting). It can be moved by means of the cursor keys. The Enter key opens the menu associated with the function block. The CTRL+M key combination opens the complete menu tree. With the aid of the appropriate key combinations, the cursor can also be moved to the header area or the Winbar.

- CTRL+F and CTRL+L activate the frequency or level entry fields in the header area.
- CTRL+D moves the cursor back to the block diagram.
- CTRL+W moves the cursor to the Winbar. The button that was active last in the Winbar is highlighted. The associated menu is activated with Enter. If the Winbar was covered, it is now displayed in the foreground.
- CTRL+M opens the complete menu tree
- The cursor can also be moved with the ESC key. However, the function of this key depends on the current cursor position:

Parameter field (editing mode):

The editing mode is terminated and the previous value is restored.

Menu area: The cursor is set to another menu area.

Menu: The menu is closed and the cursor changes to the next higher control level.

Frequency/level field:

The cursor is set on the previously active menu or, if no menu was active, on the first function block in the diagram.

Function block in the diagram:

The cursor is set on the first menu in the Winbar. If no menus are open, the current cursor position remains unchanged.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Edits the frequency or level in the entry fields of the header area	Press CTRL + F (frequency) or CTRL + L (level). Enter value.	Click the entry field and enter value.
Activates the block diagram	Press CTRL + D.	Click the function block.
Activates the Winbar	Press CTRL + F1... F8 Press CTRL + W.	Click button in Winbar.
Calls the Setup or File menu or the menu tree	Press CTRL + S (Setup), CTRL + F (File) or CTRL + M (menu tree).	-

### Selecting a Control Element - Setting Parameters

Control elements are always selected in the same way no matter whether a function block in the diagram, a menu in the menu tree, a parameter in the menu or an entry in a list or table is concerned.

- An element is activated by means of the cursor. An active element is highlighted by a blue frame.

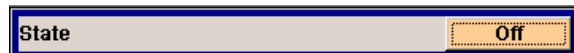


Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Selects an element	Select element by means of the cursor keys.	Click element.

### Switching Parameters On/Off - Setting Parameters

A parameter can be activated and deactivated using a button or a check box.

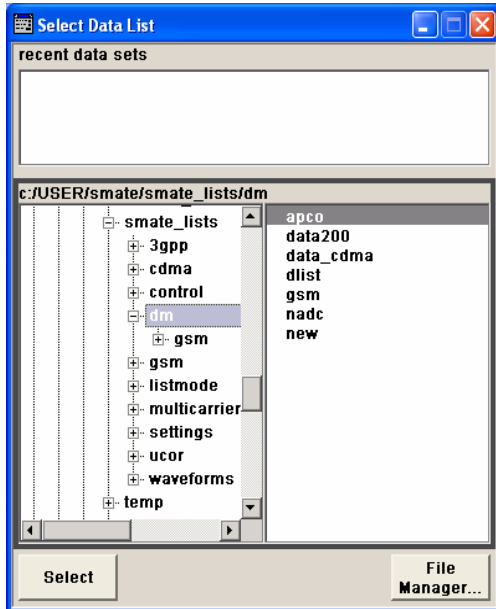
- The ENTER function of the different control media switches the highlighted element on or off (toggle function). Colour and label of a button change, the check box is ticked or the tick is removed.



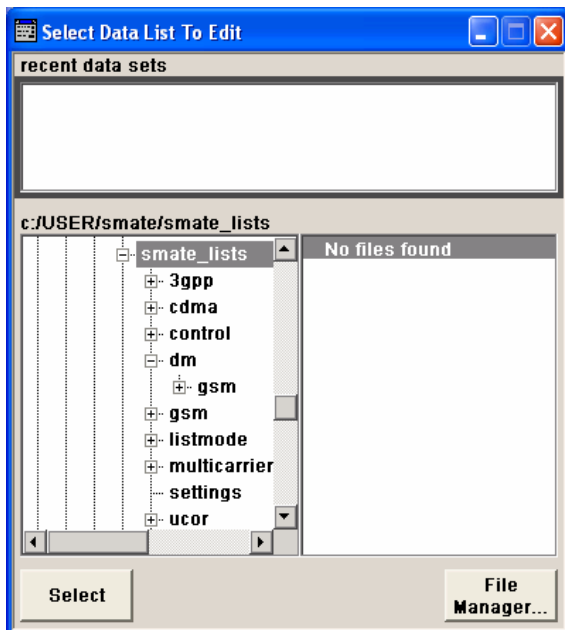
Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Switches on/off	Press Enter key.	Click check box or button.

## Selecting and Exiting a Menu Area - Setting Parameters

Some menus are organized in areas. The cursor can be moved either only within an area or between the higher-level menu areas. This applies to the **File Select** menus when files are saved or loaded. When the menu is called, one of the menu areas is highlighted by a blue frame.



- Another menu area can be selected (highlighted) by means of the cursor keys.
- Clicking the Enter key moves the cursor to the highlighted menu area. When the cursor is placed on a lower-level area in the menu, the area is highlighted by a grey frame. The currently selected item is printed on a blue background (in the example the selected directory). The cursor keys up/down move the cursor only within the grey-framed area.



- Enter terminates the setting, i.e. selection of a file. The cursor is either set on the next higher menu level or the menu is closed as in our example.

- The left/right cursor keys first shift the entry focus within the menu range from left to right (or vice versa); in the example, from the directory tree to the file list. Press again and the entry focus is shifted up one menu level. Enter performs a setting.

In the example of the **File Select** menu, this is the display of the subdirectories if a directory is marked and, if a file is marked, the selection of this file. After a file has been selected, the menu closes automatically. The ESC key moves the cursor to the next higher menu level.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Selects a menu area</b>	Select menu area using the cursor keys. Press the Enter key. The cursor keys up/down move the cursor only within the selected menu area.	- (The menu area is selected by selecting an entry.)
<b>Exits a menu area</b>	Press the Enter key. The cursor keys move the cursor between different menu areas.	- (The menu area is exited by setting the cursor on an item outside the area).

## Entering a Value - Setting Parameters

Numeric and alphanumeric values can be edited in the entry fields. In the editing mode, cursors of different colour are used. A blue cursor indicates the overwrite mode, a green cursor the insert mode. The INSERT key toggles between the two modes. The insert mode is the default setting.

Numeric values can either be newly entered or the existing value can be varied. Incorrect entries are cleared with the BACK SPACE key.

- Entering a new value:**

Pressing a numeric key activates the editing mode. The previous value is cleared and the new value can be entered.

Symbol Rate 270.833 33 ksym/s

Symbol Rate 4 ksym/s

- Editing a value in the insert mode (default setting):**

Pressing the Enter key activates the editing mode. Set the cursor to the left of the number to be changed using the left/right cursor keys. The cursor is displayed in green. A change to the overwrite mode is possible any time. In this case the cursor changes its colour and the number to be replaced is highlighted. If the cursor is placed at the right of the total value, the insert mode is always active.

Symbol Rate 270.833 33 ksym/s

Symbol Rate 270.823 333 ksym/s

Symbol Rate 270.823 33 ksym/s

Symbol Rate 270.863 33 ksym/s

- **Editing a value in the overwrite mode:**

Pressing the Enter key activates the editing mode. Set the cursor on the number to be varied using the left/right cursor keys. In the overwrite mode, the cursor is blue. The highlighted value is overwritten by pressing a numeric key.



- **Variation:**

Pressing the Enter key activates the editing mode. Set the cursor to the left of the number to be changed using the left/right cursor keys. The value at the cursor position is varied. An increase or decrease of the value depends on the cursor used (up/down) or on the direction of rotation of the rotary knob.



Alphanumeric values can either be newly entered or existing values can be edited (e.g. file name).

- **New entry:**

The entry is started by clicking a numeric key.



- **Editing:**

An existing value, e.g. a file name, can be changed in the insert mode (see example) or in the overwrite mode.



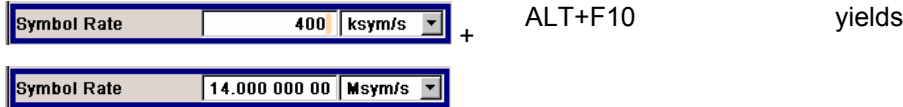
Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Enters a new value	Press a letter key or a numeric key.	-
Edits a value	Press the Enter key. Select the desired numeric digit using the left/right cursor keys. Enter new value using the letter or numeric keys.  Use the Insert key to toggle between the insert and the overwrite mode.	Click the desired position to set the cursor. Change the value using the keyboard.
Varies a value	Press the Enter key. Select the desired numeric digit using the left/right cursor keys. Vary the number using the up/down cursor keys.	-

## Selecting a Unit - Setting Parameters

The entry of a numeric value can be terminated by pressing a unit key combination, selecting a unit in the selection field next to the value or by the Enter key. The unit is assigned in different ways:

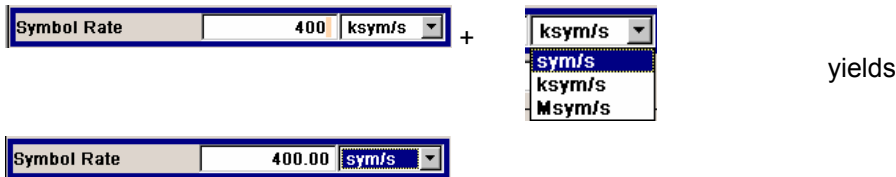
### Terminating the value entry by pressing an unit key combination

When the entry is terminated with a unit key combination, the selected unit is assigned to the value. In the example, the ALT+F10 key combination assigns Msym/s to the entered value 14.



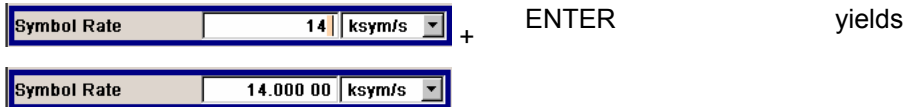
### Terminating the value entry by selecting a unit in the units field

When the entry is terminated by selecting a unit in the units field next to the value, the selected unit is assigned, e.g. sym/s (for list selection see next section).

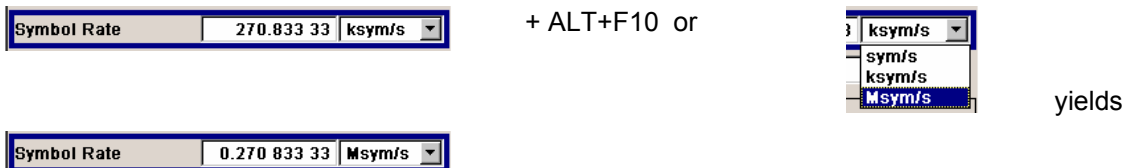


### Terminating the value entry with Enter

If an entry is terminated with the ENTER key, the unit displayed in the entry field next to the value is assigned (in the example ksym/s).




If a unit is subsequently changed, i.e. after the entry has been terminated and when the editing mode is not active, the value remains unchanged but the display is automatically adapted to the new unit. This applies if the unit is changed by means of the unit key combinations or via the unit field next to the value.



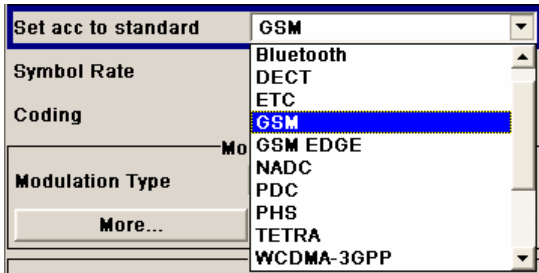
Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Assigns a unit</b>	To terminate the entry press one of the key combinations ALT + F9/ + F10/+ F11/+ F12 or select unit in the field at the right of the value (for list selection see next section).	Select unit in the field at the right of the value <b>before</b> entering the value (for list selection see next section).
<b>Changes a unit</b>	After the value entry has been terminated press one of the key combinations ALT + F9/+ F10/+ F11/+ F12 or select unit in the field at the right of the value (for list selection see next section).	Select unit in the field at the right of the value <b>after</b> the value entry (for list selection see next section).






## Selecting a Value from a List - Setting Parameters

The  button next to the value field indicates that a selection list is available.

- Pressing the Enter key opens the list. Selection is made by choosing an entry (item is highlighted) and confirmation with ENTER. If the list is longer than the displayed window, a scroll bar is available



Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Opens the selection list	Press Enter key.	Click  button.
Selects an entry	Select entry using the up/down cursor keys and confirm with the Enter key.	Double-click the desired entry.
Scrolls	Shift the displayed list section using the up/down cursor keys.	Press  or  button in the scroll bar until the desired entry is displayed.

## Terminating Entries - Setting Parameters

Variations by means of the cursor keys are immediately set, e.g. RF frequency variation.

All other parameter settings have to be confirmed by a pressing the Enter key or one of the unit key combinations (see also section "[Selecting a Unit](#)", page 3.22).

Some settings require additional confirmation. This is the case when it is useful to first enter a few values and to confirm them together, e.g. when a sine test signal is defined in the ARB menu. The signal is only output after confirmation by **Generate Signal**.

All settings of instrument functions that can be switched on and off are calculated and effective only after this function has been switched on.

This applies to most settings on the R&S SMATE. An exception is, for instance, the frequency variation of the reference oscillator, which is immediately set after confirmation.

Calculation and setting may take up different periods of time. Many settings are made without noticeable calculation times. If a short period is required, **BUSY** is displayed during this time in the status field of the header section. If more time is required for calculation, a window with a progress bar is displayed. Calculation can be aborted with the **Abort** button in this window.

If time-consuming calculations are required, signal generation is automatically switched off and calculation is interrupted to allow the user to make further settings. Calculation is restarted with the CTRL+C key combination and the modulation is switched on again when the calculation is completed.

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**Hint:** *If several settings are to be made for an instrument function, recalculation of the signal can be prevented by switching the function off. When the function is switched on again after all parameter have been changed, the signal is recalculated only once.*

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Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Accepts value immediately	Vary the value with the up/down cursor keys.	-
Confirms entries	Press Enter key or one of the key combinations ALT + F9/+ F10/+ F11/+ F12.	Exit entry field.
Confirms entries in the menus with the <b>Accept</b> button.	Select <b>Accept</b> button with the cursor keys and press Enter.	Click <b>Accept</b> button.
Sets the entries in the instrument	If the instrument function is active, the new value is immediately calculated and set.  If the instrument function is not active, the new, confirmed value is calculated and set only when the function is switched on.	(see keyboard)

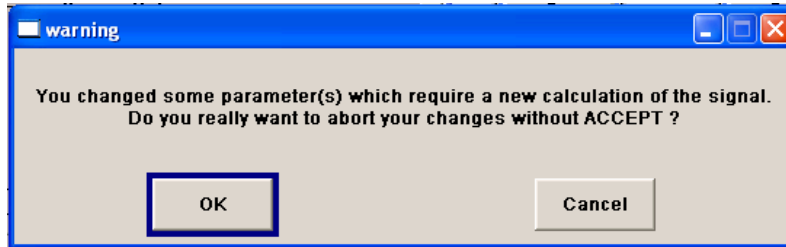
## Restoring the Previous Value - Setting Parameters

Parameter variations with the cursor keys are immediately set and therefore not reversible.

Normally, values cannot be restored also in the case of mouse control because no explicit confirmation is required in this case and entries are automatically confirmed when the entry or selection field is exited.

In the case of operation from the keyboard, previous values can be restored as long as the new value is not confirmed, i.e. the entry is not completed. This can be done with the ESC key.

With settings requiring an additional confirmation, all settings are aborted when the ESC key is pressed. Before the changes are aborted, a confirmation query is displayed. If **OK** is clicked, the changes are aborted; if **Cancel** is clicked, the menu with the previous settings is displayed again.



When a window with a progress bar is displayed in the case of extended calculations, the calculation can be terminated with the **Abort** button. In this case all previous values are restored.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
Restores previous values	Press the Esc key before the entries are confirmed.	-
Restores all previous values in menus with <b>Accept</b> button	Press the Esc key.  Answer the confirmation query with OK (see above).	Click the  button.  Answer the confirmation query with OK (see above).
Restores all previous values after an extended calculation has been started	Select the <b>Abort</b> button in the progress bar using the cursor keys and press the Enter key.	Click the <b>Abort</b> button.

## Menu Operation

Menus are operated with the aid of the Winbar buttons and with key combinations.



If the Winbar is covered by a menu, it can be called to the front with the CTRL+W key combination.

- The CTRL+D key combination moves the cursor to the block diagram. All active menus are minimized and displayed in the form of Winbar buttons.
- The CTRL+H key combination minimizes an active menu. It is displayed in the form of a Winbar button.
- The CTRL+F1 to F8 key combinations maximize the corresponding menu.
- The CTRL+G key combination closes an active menu.
- The CTRL+W key combination toggles the cursor between a Winbar button and the block diagram.
- The softkeys call or close the associated menu and set the cursor in the menu.

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**Note:**     *The ESC key also closes the active menu if the cursor is at the highest menu level.*

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Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Displays the block diagram in the foreground</b>	Press CTRL + D.	Click function block.
<b>Displays a menu in the foreground</b>	Press CTRL + F1 to F8.	Click the respective button in the Winbar.
<b>Minimizes an active menu</b>	Press CTRL + H.	Click the  button in the menu bar.
<b>Closes an active menu</b>	Press CTRL + G.	Click the  button in the menu bar.
<b>Hides all menus</b>	Press CTRL + D.	-
<b>Automatically arranges displayed menus</b>	-	- The menus can be shifted with the mouse as required. The frequency and level fields and the info line cannot be covered, however.

## Editors

The R&S SMATE provides user-friendly editors for defining data lists as well as control and marker signals. Lists containing frequency and level value pairs are used for the list mode and the user-defined level correction. Internally generated data lists can be used for digital modulation and digital standards; the same applies to internally defined control and marker signals.

The lists are saved to files and may thus have any length. The file name of the lists and the directory to which the files are saved are user-selectable. The file prefix is different for each list type and is permanently assigned by the system (see section "[File Management](#)", page 3.34).

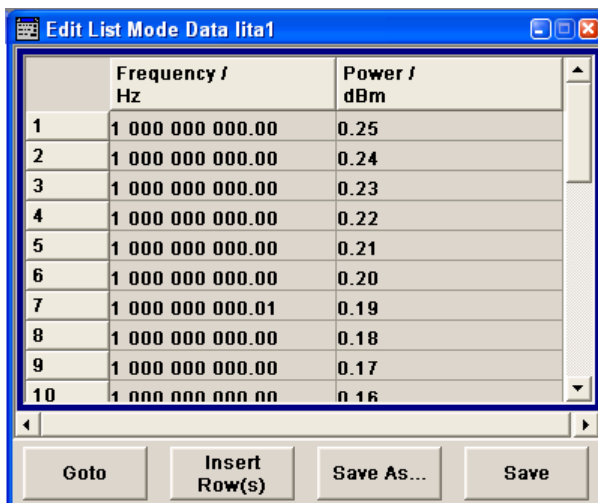
### List Editor

The **User Correction** and **List Mode** menus provide the list editor for defining the frequency/level value pairs. The associated buttons call up the list editor.

Edit User Correction Data...

Edit List Mode Data...

- The selected list is displayed. If no list has been selected, a blank list of only one row is displayed.



The screenshot shows a window titled "Edit List Mode Data lista1". It contains a table with two columns: "Frequency / Hz" and "Power / dBm". The table has 10 rows, numbered 1 to 10. The data in the table is as follows:

	Frequency / Hz	Power / dBm
1	1 000 000 000.00	0.25
2	1 000 000 000.00	0.24
3	1 000 000 000.00	0.23
4	1 000 000 000.00	0.22
5	1 000 000 000.00	0.21
6	1 000 000 000.00	0.20
7	1 000 000 000.01	0.19
8	1 000 000 000.00	0.18
9	1 000 000 000.00	0.17
10	1 000 000 000.00	0.16

Below the table are four buttons: "Goto", "Insert Row(s)", "Save As...", and "Save".

- The value pairs are entered in the **Frequency/Hz** and **Power/dBm** table columns. A blank row is inserted at the end of the list.
- New rows can be inserted anywhere in the table by means of the **Insert Row(s)...** button.
- After the list has been edited, i.e. changed, it can be saved under its current name by means of the **Save** button, or under a new name by means of the **Save as...** button. Only complete value pairs are taken into consideration; rows containing an entry in only one column are ignored.
- An existing list can be edited in the insert or overwrite mode.
- A new list can be created under a new name either by generating a blank file in the **File Select** menu (see section "[File Management](#)", page 3.34) or by changing an existing list which will then be saved under a new name.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Call up editor.</b> The cursor marks the first row of the Frequency/Hz column.	Mark the <b>Edit xxx Data...</b> button in the individual menu and press the Enter key.	Click the <b>Edit xxx Data...</b> button in the individual menu.
<b>Enter value.</b>	Use the numeric keys to enter the value and terminate the entry by pressing the Enter key.	-
<b>Change column.</b>	Press the left/right cursor keys.	Click cell.
<b>Change row.</b>	Use the up/down cursor keys to mark the row.	Click cell.
<b>Select row.</b> The cursor moves to the selected row.	Mark the <b>GoTo</b> button and press the Enter key.  Use the numeric keys to enter the row index and terminate the entry by pressing the Enter key.	Click cell.
<b>Insert row.</b> A row is inserted above the currently marked row.  If no row has been selected, a row is inserted at the beginning of the list.	Select the row above which the new row is to be inserted.  Mark the <b>Insert Row(s)</b> button and press the Enter key.	Click the row above which the new row is to be inserted.  Click the <b>Insert Row(s)</b> button.
<b>Save list under a new name.</b>	Mark the <b>Save as..</b> button and press the Enter key.  Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section " <a href="#">File Select Menu</a> ", page 3.36)	Double-click the <b>Save as...</b> button.  Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section " <a href="#">File Select Menu</a> ", page 3.36)
<b>Save list under the same name.</b>	Mark the <b>Save</b> button and press the Enter key.	Double-click the <b>Save</b> button.
<b>Create new list.</b>	Mark the <b>List Mode Data</b> or <b>User Correction Data</b> button and press the Enter key.  Mark <b>Create New List</b> and press the Enter key.  Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section " <a href="#">File Select Menu</a> ", page 3.36)	Double-click the <b>List Mode Data</b> or <b>User Correction Data</b> button.  Double-click <b>Create New List</b> .  Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section " <a href="#">File Select Menu</a> ", page 3.36)

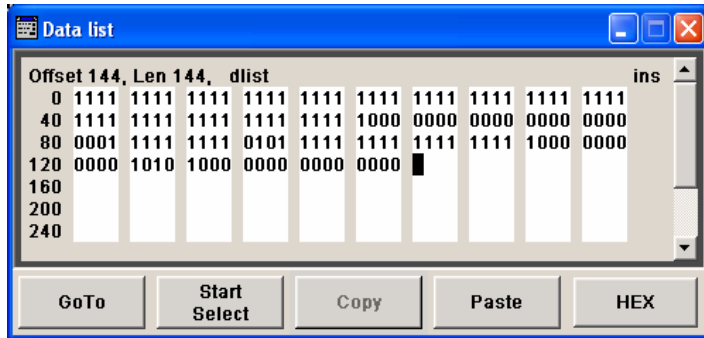
## Data Editor

The **Data Editor** can be used to internally generate binary data lists for digital modulation and digital standards.

A list of binary values with a maximum length of  $2^{31}$  bits can be entered in the **Data Editor**. This value corresponds to a file size of approx. 268 Mbyte. While it is being processed, the file is continuously automatically buffered. When the menu is exited, the file is automatically saved with the new values, i.e. there is no extra **Save** button. Depending on the size of the file, saving may take some time.

It is called up in the individual menus by means of the **Edit Data List...** button.

- The selected data list is displayed.



- To increase readability, the bits are displayed in groups of four. The current cursor position, the length of the list and the list file name are displayed above the list. The offset starts with the value 0 which corresponds to the bit position on the left side of the first row, i.e. the beginning of the list. On the left edge of the editor, the last three offset positions are specified at the beginning of the row.
- An existing list can be edited in the insert or overwrite mode.
- By means of the **GoTo** button, any bit position can be accessed.
- By means of the **Start Select** , **Copy** and **Paste** buttons, any range of bits can be marked, copied and subsequently pasted at any position in the list.
- By means of the **HEX** button, switchover to hexadecimal display is possible.
- For a new list to be edited, it must first be created in the **File Select** menu (see section "[File Management](#)", page 3.34) and then selected.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Call up editor.</b> The cursor marks the start value of the list.	Mark the <b>Edit Data List...</b> button in the list management submenu of the individual menu and press the Enter key	Click the <b>Edit Data List...</b> button in the list management submenu of the individual menu.
<b>Enter value.</b> Depending on selected mode, either insertion or overwrite, the value is either inserted or it replaces an existing value.	Use the numeric keys to enter the values 0 or 1.	-
<b>Delete value.</b> The value before the marked bit is deleted.	Use the cursor keys to mark the bit that follows the value to be deleted.  Press the Insert key to activate the insertion mode. Values cannot be deleted in the overwrite mode.  Press the Backspace key.	-
<b>Select bit position.</b> The cursor marks the bit at the selected position.	Mark the <b>GoTo</b> button and press the Enter key.  Use the numeric keys to enter the bit position in the <b>Offset</b> entry field and terminate the entry by pressing the Enter key.	Click bit.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<p><b>Copy and paste bits.</b></p> <p>The selected and copied bits are pasted after the selected position.</p>	<p>Move the cursor to the start of the selection.</p> <p>Press the ESC key. Mark the <b>Start Select</b> button and press the Enter key.</p> <p>Move the cursor to the end of the selection.</p> <p>Press the ESC key. Mark the <b>Copy</b> button and press the Enter key.</p> <p>Move the cursor to the insert position.</p> <p>Press the ESC key. Mark the <b>Paste</b> button and press the Enter key.</p>	<p>Click the bit at the start of the selection.</p> <p>Click the <b>Start Select</b> button.</p> <p>Click the bit at the end of the selection.</p> <p>Click the <b>Copy</b> button.</p> <p>Click the bit position after which the copied bits should be pasted.</p> <p>Click the <b>Paste</b> button.</p>
<p><b>Display and edit the values in hexadecimal form.</b></p> <p>Each four bits are displayed as a hexadecimal value: To increase readability, the hexadecimal values in turn are displayed in pairs of two. The hex functions are automatically assigned to the numeric keys at the front panel.</p>	<p>Mark the <b>Hex</b> button and press the Enter key.</p>	<p>Click the <b>Hex</b> button.</p>
<p><b>Save list.</b></p> <p>The list is saved automatically when the menu is closed.</p>	<p>Press the ESC key.</p>	<p>Click the <b>X</b> button in the menu bar.</p>
<p><b>Create new list.</b></p>	<p>Mark the <b>Data List...</b> button in the list management submenu of the individual menu and press the Enter key.</p> <p>Mark <b>Create New List</b> and press the Enter key.</p> <p>Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section "<a href="#">File Select Menu</a>", page 3.36)</p>	<p>Double-click the <b>Data List...</b> button in the list management submenu of the individual menu.</p> <p>Double-click <b>Create New List</b>.</p> <p>Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section "<a href="#">File Select Menu</a>", page 3.36)</p>

## Control and Marker List Editor

The control and marker signals for digital modulation and digital standards can be very conveniently graphically defined in a **Control and Marker List Editor**.

The four available marker signals – and, with custom digital modulation, the CW, Hop, Burst Gate and Lev Att control signals – can be defined in the **Control and Marker List Editor**. While it is being processed, the file is continuously automatically buffered. When the menu is exited, the file is automatically saved with the new values, i.e. there is no extra **Save** button. Depending on the size of the file, saving may take some time.

The **Control List Editor** is called up in the Custom Digital Mod menus by means of the **Edit Control List...** button.

The **Slot Marker Definition** Editor is called up in the Burst submenu of the GSM/EDGE menus by means of the **Slot Marker Definition...** button.

The following figure shows the **Slot Marker Definition** Editor of the GSM/EDGE menu as an example.

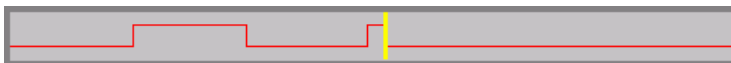


- The upper area displays the signal (in the example, the GSM slot) for which the marker signals are to be defined. On the left side, the available signals (marker and control signals) are listed and colour-coded.
- Auxiliary functions are offered in the lower editor area, e.g. presets for the ramps in the marker signal, cursor positioning by entering the bit position and possible editing by means of value entries in a table.
- The actual graphic definition of the control signals occurs in the center area of the editor. Each control signal is represented by means of a coloured line along the bit axis. A cursor can be shifted alongside this line and marks the position where a ramp is to be set.

The color of the cursor changes depending on the current function. The switch over between the colors (and therefore functions) is by means of the Enter key:

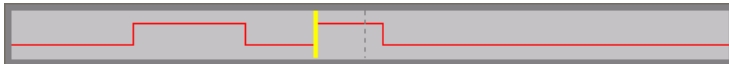
- black: marks the bit position on the marker line!
- yellow: sets a ramp
- green: activates the marked ramp for shifting

The ramp transition of the newly set ramp depends on the current status (high/low) of the control signal. If the signal is low, a ramp with low/high transition is generated; if the signal is high, a ramp with high/low transition is generated.

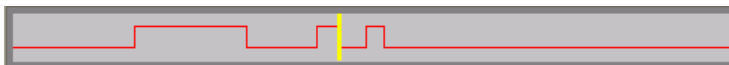
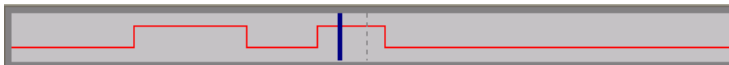


When ramps are set between existing ramps, the transition of the new ramp is also defined by the status of the signal before the new ramp. For this reason, a ramp that has already been set can be assigned low/low or high/high transition (as in the example), i.e. it will have no effect on the control signal in this configuration. However, the ramp remains saved, and its position is indicated by a dashed line.





If another change produces effective transition, this ramp will be regenerated.




- An existing ramp can be shifted to any positions. The transitions are adjusted accordingly.



- To make the setting easy, a selection of preset ramp characteristics is offered in the **Preset Signal** area.
- In the **Cursor** area, the cursor can be specifically set to a defined bit position in the data signal.
- The ramps can also be set in the table in the **Marker Positions** area.

The various functions of the editor are explained in the individual menus. The following table explains only the general use of the graphic editor.

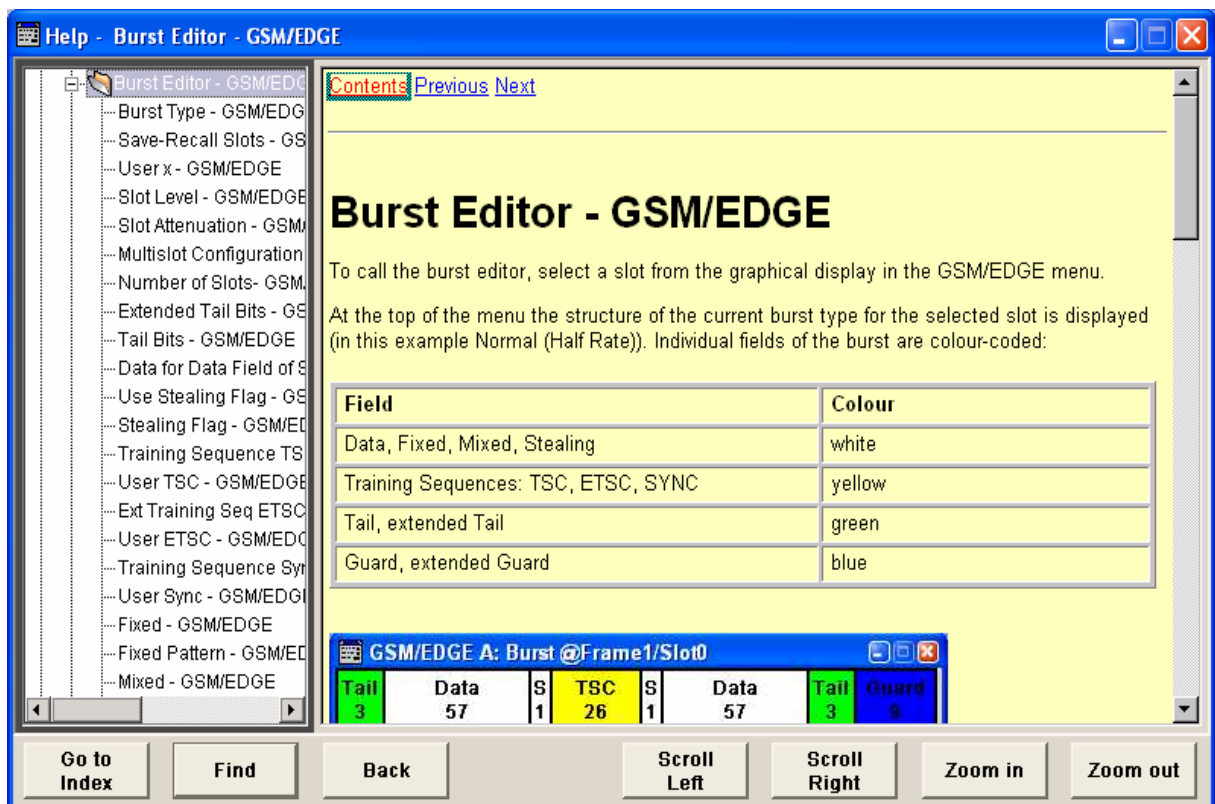
Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Call up editor.</b> The cursor marks the first control signal in the list on the left side of the menu.	Mark the button in the individual menu and press the Enter key.	Click the button in the individual menu.
<b>Activate control/marker signal line for editing</b> The cursor is active for the selected line.	Use the cursor keys to mark the editable graphic area and press the Enter key. Use the cursor keys to mark the control/marker signal line and press the Enter key.	Click row.
<b>Set ramp.</b> The ramp transition depends on the status (high/low) of the control/marker signal before the ramp.	Use the cursor keys to move the cursor to the position where the ramp is to be inserted. Press the Enter key.	Double click cursor; the cursor changes colour and the ramp is inserted.
<b>Shift ramp.</b> The ramp transition depends on the status (high/low) of the control/marker signal before the ramp.	Use the cursor keys to move the cursor to the ramp position; the cursor changes colour. Press the Enter key. The cursor again changes colour. The ramp will now be shifted by means of the cursor. Press the Enter key. The ramp will be set at the current position.	After double-clicking the cursor, click it once again and, while holding down the left-hand mouse button, drag it. The cursor changes colour. The ramp is set as soon as the left-hand mouse button is released.

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<p><b>Delete ramp.</b> The ramp transitions of the other ramps are adapted to the changed signal status (high/low).</p>	<p>Use the cursor keys to move the cursor to the ramp position; the cursor changes colour. Press the Delete key. The ramp will be deleted.</p>	-
<p><b>Define length of control list (Custom Dig Mod only).</b></p>	<p>Use the cursor keys to mark the <b>Length</b> entry field in the <b>Cursor</b> menu area and press the Enter key. Enter the length by means of the numeric keys. Press the Enter key. The control list length is defined.</p>	-
<p><b>Zoom displayed range (Custom Dig Mod only).</b> Approx. 300 bits around the current cursor position are displayed.</p>	<p>Use the cursor keys to mark the <b>Zoom in</b> button and press the Enter key. Enter the length by means of the numeric keys. Press the Enter key. The control list length is defined.</p>	Click the <b>Zoom in</b> button.
<p><b>Save list.</b> The list is saved automatically when the menu is closed.</p>	Press the ESC key.	Click the  button in the menu bar.
<p><b>Create new list (Custom Dig Mod only).</b></p>	<p>Mark the <b>Control List...</b> button in the list management submenu of the individual menu and press the Enter key. Mark <b>Create New List</b> and press the Enter key. Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section "<a href="#">File Select Menu</a>", page 3.36)</p>	<p>Double-click the <b>Control List...</b> button in the list management submenu of the individual menu. Double-click <b>Create New List</b>. Enter the file name in the <b>File Select</b> menu and select the directory (see section "<a href="#">File Select Menu</a>", page 3.36)</p>

## Help System

The R&S SMATE is equipped with a context-sensitive help function. A help page is available for each parameter and can be called any time during instrument operation. The context-sensitive page which is opened with the F1 key is part of a comprehensive help system. It is possible to move from this context-sensitive page to any page of the help system.

**Note:** Compiled online help systems are also available for all functions of the R&S SMATE on the CD-ROM supplied with the instrument. This help program can be called on any controller with Internet Explorer version V 4.0 and higher.



The help function is provided with a navigation bar, i.e. other help pages can be called from the context-sensitive page via the table of contents, the index, arrows for scrolling and page-internal links.

### Operation of context-sensitive help

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Open the help system</b>  The help page for the respective parameter is displayed.	Press F1 key.	-
<b>Close the help system</b>	Press F1 key again.	-

Function	PC keyboard	Mouse
<b>Activate the link</b> The help system branches to the linked page.	Select link using the cursor keys and activate with the Enter key.	Click link.
<b>Scroll</b>	Select <b>Previous</b> or <b>Next</b> in the help window using the cursor keys and activate with the Enter key.	Click <b>Previous</b> or <b>Next</b> .
<b>Select an item in the table of contents</b> The help page of the item is displayed.	Activate Content window using the cursor keys left/right. Select the desired item using the cursor keys and activate with Enter.	Set indicated area by moving the vertical scroll bar. Click item.
<b>Select an index term</b> The help page of the term is displayed.	Select the <b>Go-to-Index</b> button using the cursor keys and activate with the Enter key. Enter the first letter of the term and press the Enter key. Select the term with the cursor keys and press the Enter key.	Click the <b>Go-to-Index</b> button. Set indicated area by moving the vertical scroll bar. Click term.
<b>Shift the indicated area of the navigation window to the left or right</b>	Shift the entry focus up one level using the Esc key. Select <b>Scroll Right</b> or <b>Scroll Left</b> button using the cursor keys and activate with the Enter key.	Set indicated area by moving the horizontal scroll bar.

## File Management

The R&S SMATE uses files to save all instrument data, i.e. system and user data. The user data includes saved instrument settings, data for the different digital standards, lists for the List mode and the user correction as well as the waveforms for multicarrier CW generation and the arbitrary waveform generator.

The files are stored on the hard disk of the instrument. Drive D:\ can be used to save user-defined data; any directory structure can be created on D:\. Some default directories are predefined, but can be changed at any time.

The C:\ drive is a protected system drive. The files on this drive contain data that must not be changed. Therefore, this drive should not be accessed, since reconstruction of the system partition will lead to data loss. To prevent inadvertent deletion or overwriting of system files, this drive is not specified in the file menus. It can be accessed if a protection level (see protection level, Setup menu) is revoked.

Files can be exchanged either via a memory stick or a connected network.

A memory stick is connected to the USB interface and is assigned the next free drive.

In the case of a connected network, all network drives that can be accessed are available (see chapter 1, section "[Connecting the R&S SMATE to a Network \(LAN\)](#)", on page 1.21").

The user data can be roughly divided into four data types:


- Settings
- Lists
- Complex modulation and control data
- Waveforms

The files are accessed in a **File Select** window in the individual menus. Depending on the data type, a file can either be selected or it can be selected and saved:

- Settings, e.g. the frame setting of the GSM/EDGE standard, can be loaded and saved. In this case, the current setting is saved to the specified file.



- Lists, e.g. user correction lists, can be loaded. They can be generated either externally or internally. For internal generation, a new list must be created in the **File Select** window which will then be edited in the list editor of the individual menu.



- Complex modulation and control data can be loaded. It can be generated either externally or internally. For internal generation, a new list must be created which will then be edited in the data and control list editor. These functions are offered in the **Data List Management** window of the individual modulation menu.

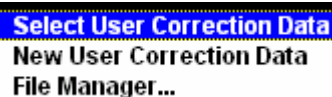


- Waveforms are generated externally (e.g. by means of the R&S WinIQSIM program that is supplied together with the optional Baseband Generator R&S SMATE-B10/B11) and can be loaded in the **Arbitrary Waveform Generation** menu.



The files are differentiated according to their extensions; each type of file is assigned a specific file content. The extension is usually of no consequence to the user since access to the files occurs in the individual menus where only the relevant type of file is available. For example, files with frame settings can only be saved and loaded in the **GSM/EDGE** menu.

A button in the individual menu calls up the selection of the **Save, Recall** and **File Manager** functions. If the file can only be loaded, the **Select** or **Load** and **File Manager** selection is available.

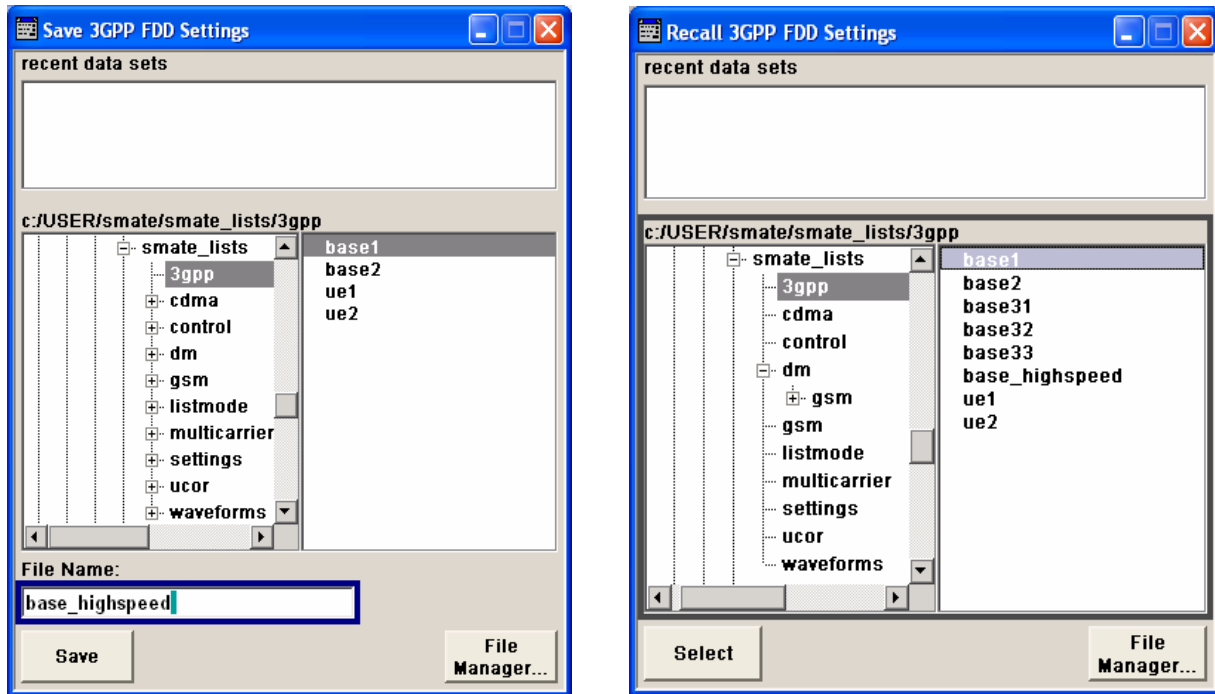
After the **Save/Recall** or **Select/New** selection, a **File Select** window for loading, saving or creating a file is displayed (see the following section "[File Select Menu](#)", page 3.36).

After the **File Manager** selection, a menu for managing all files is displayed (see section "[File Manager](#)", page 3.37).

All instrument settings are saved and loaded in the **File** menu which is called up by means of the CTRL+S key combination (see chapter 4, section "[Storing and Loading Instrument Data – File Key](#)").

## File Select Menu

The **File Select** menu consists of several areas.



In the upper area, **Recent Data Sets**, the files last used are listed; a maximum of ten files is displayed.

The available drives and directories are displayed on the left side, the files of the selected directory on the right side. The currently selected path is displayed above the windows. Only the relevant files without file extensions are displayed. If the area is opened several times, the path last selected is displayed.

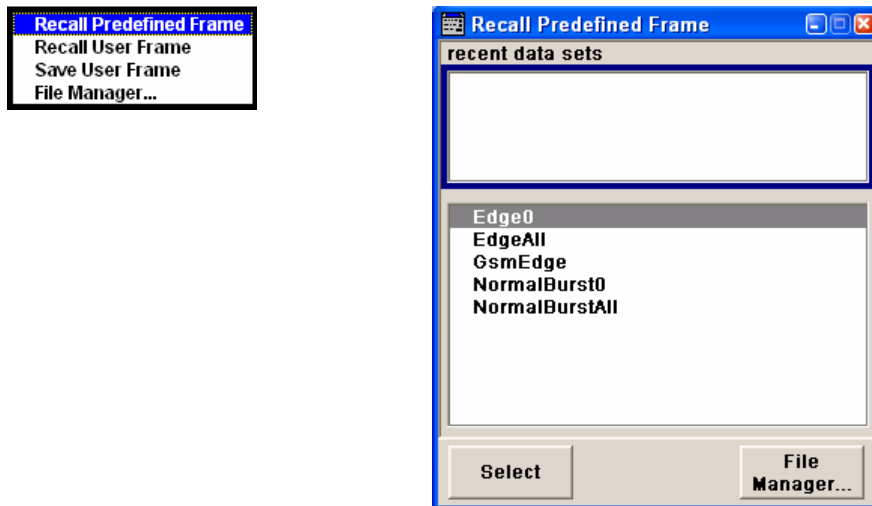
When a file is saved or created, its name is user-selectable; the extension is assigned automatically and cannot be entered. The file is saved to the selected path.

Operation is similar to the operation of menus with several areas (see section "[Selecting and Exiting a Menu Area - Setting Parameters](#)", page 3.19):

By using the cursor keys, the area is marked; the entry focus is shifted to this area by using the Enter key. The up/down cursor keys will then navigate only within this area. By using the left/right cursor keys, it is possible to switch between the directory tree and the file list. The subdirectories of the selected directory will only be displayed after a short delay to allow quick navigation in the directory tree. Pressing the ESC key again shifts the entry focus up one level. The button for saving or loading the file can be selected and pressed. After the setting, e.g. after selecting the file, the menu will be closed automatically.

- **Load file:**  
Select **Recall** in the **Select Operation** list on top of the menu. Mark file in the file list and load it by pressing the Enter key.
- **Save file:**  
Select **Save** in the **Select Operation** list on top of the menu. Enter file name in the **File Name:** field. Mark the directory to which the file is to be saved and then press the Enter key.

In addition to the files saved by the user, some menus also offer files containing predefined contents. These files are saved to a specific directory on system drive C:\; for this reason, this directory cannot be chosen from the **File Select** menu. The following example shows the **File Select** menu of the GSM/EDGE digital standard when **Recall Predefined Frames** is selected.



## File Manager

The **File Manager** allows general file management such as copying, shifting, renaming and deleting files as well as generating new directories. Thus, also externally created files, for example waveforms created by using the **R&S WinIQSIM** program, can be saved to the R&S SMATE by copying them from a memory stick or a network to the internal hard disk.

The **File Manager** can be called up in any menu to which files can be saved. Call-up is either at the level of the small selection menu



or via the **File Manager** button in the **File Select** window.



The File Manager can also be called up in the **Save/Recall - Setup-Settings** menu.

In the upper area, **File Type**, the **File Manager** allows the type file selection to be displayed. This can be used to process either all files (all files (\*.\*) selection) or a specific selection of files (e.g. waveforms (\*.vv) selection). The table at the end of this section contains a list of the file types.

The available drives and directories are displayed on the left side, the files of the selected directory on the right side. The currently selected path is displayed above the windows. If the area is opened several times, the path last selected is displayed. Unlike the **File Select** window, the **File Manager** displays the full file names including extensions.

The buttons/softkeys trigger the associated actions such as copying, shifting or deleting the marked files. Plus, a new directory can be created in the level below the marked directory.

Operation is similar to the operation of menus with several areas (see section "[Selecting and Exiting a Menu Area - Setting Parameters](#)", page 3.19): By using the cursor keys, the area is marked; the entry focus is shifted to this area by using the Enter key. The up/down cursor keys will then navigate only within this area. By using the left/right cursor keys, it is possible to switch between the directory tree and the file list. The subdirectories of the selected directory will only be displayed after a short delay to allow quick navigation in the directory tree. Pressing the **ESC** key again shifts the entry focus up one level. The buttons/softkeys can be selected and activated.

- **Shift file:**  
Mark file and then press the **Cut** button/softkey. Mark the directory to which the file is to be shifted and then click the **Paste** button/softkey. If the target directory already contains a file with the same name, a confirmation query is displayed to confirm overwriting of this file.
- **Copy file:**  
Mark file and then press the **Copy** button/softkey. Mark the directory to which the file is to be copied and then click the **Paste** button/softkey. If the target directory already contains a file with the same name, a confirmation query is displayed to confirm overwriting of this file.
- **Rename file:**  
Mark file and then press the **Rename** button/softkey. An entry window for entering the new file name opens. Enter the name and press the Enter key. If a file with the same name already exists, a confirmation query is displayed to confirm overwriting of this file.
- **Delete file:**  
Mark file and then press the **Delete** button/softkey. Prior to deletion, a confirmation query is displayed which the user must confirm for this file to be deleted.
- **Create new directory:**  
Mark drive or directory level where the new directory is to be created and then press the **Create New Directory** button/softkey. An entry window for entering the directory name opens. Enter the name and press the Enter key.

Table 3-1 List of file extensions for user files the R&S SMATE assigns automatically

List type	Contents	File suffix
<b>Instrument State</b>		
Instrument State	Instrument settings	*.savrc1
<b>User Correction</b>		
User Correction	User-defined level correction values	*.uco
<b>List Mode</b>		
List	User-defined frequency/level value pairs	*.lsw
<b>Arbitrary Waveform Generator</b>		
Waveform Multi segment waveform	ARB waveforms ARB multi segment waveforms	*.wv
Configuration data	Configuration file for creation of multisegment ARB waveforms	*.inf_mswv
<b>DM</b>		
Data List	Digital modulation data	*.dm_iqd
Control List	Data to control digital modulation	*.dm_iqc



List type	Contents	File suffix
<b>GSM/EDGE</b>		
Slot	User-defined slot data	*.gsm_slu
Frame	User-defined frame data	*.gsm_fu
<b>CDMA2000</b>		
CDMA2000 Settings	Complete setting of the CDMA2000 menu	*.cdma2k
<b>3GPP FDD</b>		
3GPP Settings	Complete setting of the 2GPP (FDD) menu	*.3g
Channel Coding DPCH	Channel coding enhanced DPCH channels (uplink)	*.3g_ccod_ul
Channel Coding DPDCH	Channel coding enhanced DPDCH channels (downlink)	*.3g_ccod_dl



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# Instrument Functions

## Overview of Instrument Functions

This chapter explains the functions of the vector signal generator and the options available in the setting menus. The associated IEC/IEEE-bus command is specified for each parameter (where applicable).

The description begins with the general instrument settings which do not directly affect signal generation. The majority of these settings can be accessed by means of front-panel softkey menus and not by means of function block menus. One exception is, for example, the signal graphics which are called up in the **Graphics** block.

The signal generation functions are then described, beginning with the RF section functions which affect the RF signal and the analog modulations and which are compiled in the **RF/A Mod** block of the block diagram.

This is followed by an explanation of all functions which are in the signal flow prior to being fed into the RF block and which do not affect the internal generation of a baseband signal - I/Q modulation, noise generation and impairment of the digital signal. These functions are accessed by means of the function blocks **I/Q Mod** and **AWGN/IMP**.

The remaining (and largest) part of the chapter describes the functions used for the internal generation of the signals in the baseband (these functions are provided in the **Baseband** block).

The general instrument settings include various functions, such as:

- Setting a defined basic setup using the **[PRESET]** key (section "[Default Instrument Settings - Preset Key](#)" on page 4.4")
- Switching from remote control to manual control using the **[LOCAL]** key (section "[Switching to Manual Control - Local Key](#)" on page 4.20")
- Configuring the generator and its interfaces in the **Setup** menu - e.g. setting the IEC/IEEE-bus address, starting an adjustment, querying instrument data (section "[General Configuration of Instrument - Setup Key](#)", page 4.5)
- Generating a hardcopy of the display using the **[HCOPY]** key (section "[Generating a Hardcopy of Display - Hcopy Key](#)", page 4.21)
- Calling up the online help using the **[HELP]** key (section "[Help System - Help Key](#)", page 4.21)
- Querying messages using the **[INFO]** key (section "[Messages - Info Key](#)", page 4.21)
- Loading and storing complete instrument settings in the **File** menu (section "[Storing and Loading Instrument Data - File Key](#)", page 4.23)
- Calling up the baseband signal graphics in the **Graphics** function block (section "[Graphical Display - Graphics](#)", page 4.29)

The RF signal is configured and the analog modulations activated in the **RF/A Mod** function block:

- CW mode (section "[Overview of RF Signal and Analog Modulation](#)", page 4.41)
- List mode (section "[List Mode - List](#)", page 4.64)
- Sweep mode (section "[Sweep Mode](#)", page 4.75)

- Analog modulations  
(section "[Analog Modulations](#)", page 4.89)

In the I/Q-Mod function block, I/Q modulation is possible with external analog signals and internally generated baseband signals.

Noise can be added to the baseband signal and the baseband signal can be impaired before input into the I/Q modulator. It is therefore possible to output a baseband signal with impairments via the I/Q-OUT outputs (**Impairment/AWGN** function block). Impairment is also possible during I/Q modulation (**I/Q Mod** function block).

- I/Q modulator  
(section "[I/Q Modulator - I/Q MOD Function Block](#)", page 4.106)
- Impairing the signal prior to input into the I/Q modulator  
(section "[Introduction - Impairments](#)", page 4.116)
- Adding noise  
(section "[Introduction - Noise Generator - AWGN](#)", page 4.123)

The baseband signal is available at the I/O outputs.

- Output of the baseband signal  
(section "[Output of the Baseband Signal - I/Q Out](#)", page 4.131)

The R&S Vector Signal Generator offers various possibilities for generating digital modulation signals in compliance with the definitions of digital standards or with characteristics which can to a large extent be freely defined. The range of software options for this is being extended continuously.

- Baseband signals - Introduction  
(section "[Baseband Signal - Baseband](#)", page 4.93)
- Digital modulation  
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- Arbitrary waveform generator ARB  
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(section "[Digital Standard TD-SCDMA](#)")
- Digital standard 1xEV-DO  
(section "[Digital Standard 1xEV-DO](#)")
- Digital standard IEEE 802.11 (a/b/g) (WLAN)  
(section "[Digital Standard IEEE 802.11 \(a/b/g\) \(WLAN\)](#)")
- Digital standard IEEE 802.11n (WLAN-N)  
(section "[Digital Standard IEEE 802.11n \(WLAN-N\)](#)")
- Digital standard IEEE 802.16 (WiMAX)  
(section "[Digital Standard IEEE 802.16 \(WiMAX\)](#)")
- Digital Standard EUTRA  
(section "[Digital Standard EUTRA](#)")



- Digital standard GPS  
(section "[Digital Standard GPS](#)")
- Digital Standard XM Radio  
(section "[Digital Standard XM Radio](#)")
- Digital Standard DVB-H  
(section "[Digital Standard DVB-H](#)")
- Digital Standard DAB / T-DMB  
(section "[Digital Standard DVB / T-DMB](#)")

# General Instrument Settings

## Overview of General Instrument Settings

The section "General Instrument Settings" describes the settings which do not directly affect signal generation.

Most of these settings can only be accessed by means of menus which are opened using key combinations on the external keyboard or keys on the front panel key emulation (see [Legend of Manual Controls](#)). This does not apply to the graphical representation of output signals which is activated in the **Graphics** function block, or settings which can additionally be called up in the menus of the function blocks, e.g. input configuration which is possible in the **Setup** menu and in almost every menu of the **Baseband** function block.

The general instrument settings therefore affect various functions, such as storing instrument settings using the **FILE** key or setting the IEC/IEEE-bus

## Default Instrument Settings - Preset Key

The **PRESET** key (CTRL+P) calls up a defined instrument setup. All parameters and switching states are preset (also those of inactive operating modes). The default instrument settings provide a reproducible initial basis for all other settings.

Remote-control command:

\*RST

*Note:*

***In remote control it is possible to preset the settings of the two instrument path separately (see chapter 6, Section 'Preset Commands').***

In addition, only those settings associated with the menu can be reset directly in the individual menus, e.g. all digital modulation settings in the **Custom Digital Mod** menu. These settings are identical to those which are called up using the **PRESET** key (CTRL+P).

When the instrument is switched on, it is not the preset state that is active, but rather the instrument state that was set before the instrument was switched on.

User-defined instrument states can be stored and called up in the **File** menu.

The following table gives an overview of the presets for the most important generator settings. The other presets can be found in the preset tables of the individual menus and the information accompanying the IEC/IEEE-bus commands.

Table 4-1 Preset state - important generator settings

RF frequency	1 GHz
RF level	RF output switched off
Reference frequency	Internal, adjustment off
Offsets	0
Modulations	Switched off
Uninterrupted level setting	Switch off; level attenuator mode: AUTO
Internal level control	Level ALC: AUTO

User correction	Level Ucor: OFF
LF output	Switched off
Sweep	Switched off
List mode	Switched off
IEC/IEEE-bus address	Not changed

## General Configuration of Instrument - Setup Key

The **[SETUP]** key (CTRL+E) opens the **System** menu used to set general instrument parameters and the **Environment** menu used to configure the instrument interfaces.

Most submenus of this key can be accessed only via the **[SETUP]** key (CTRL+E) or the menu tree (**[MENU]** key (CTRL+M)), with the following exceptions:

- The **Reference Oscillator** submenu can also be called up in the **RF / A Mod** block and is therefore described in the section on this block (see section "[RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator](#)", page 4.46).
- The **Save/Recall** submenu can also be called up with the **[FILE]** key and is therefore described in the section on this key (see section "[Storing and Loading Instrument Data - File Key](#)", page 4.23).
- The **Global Trigger/Clock/ External Inputs** submenu (see section "[Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings - Setup-Environment](#)", page 4.13) is also available in all modulation menus of the **Baseband** function block where it can be called up with the **Global Trigger/Clock Settings** button in the trigger/marker and clock submenus.



## Internal Adjustments - Setup-System

The R&S Vector Signal Generator is extremely accurate thanks to the integrated procedures for adjustments.

All internal adjustments for which no external measuring equipment is needed can be started in the **Internal Adjustments...** menu. The adjustments with external measuring equipment are described in the Service Manual (on CD ROM, supplied with the instrument).

Adjustment is recommended if the temperature range in which the instrument is operated changes, or prior to all applications which require maximum level and frequency accuracy.

During adjustment a bar indicates the status of progress. If an error occurs, adjustment is terminated and an error message is output in the info line.

**Caution:**

**Make sure that the instrument is warm before performing adjustments. The warm-up time is 30 minutes.**

In the case of two-path instruments, adjustment can be performed separately for the two paths.

The **Internal Adjustments** menu is opened up using the **[SETUP]** (CTRL+E) or **[MENU]** key (CTRL+M) under **System**. The adjustments offered also depend on the installed options, e.g. FM Modulator.

<b>Adjust All - Setup Internal Adjustments</b>	<p>Starts all internal adjustments for which no external measuring equipment is needed. The adjustments with external measuring equipment are described in the Service Manual (supplied).</p> <p>With two-path instruments, adjustment is performed for both paths.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CAL:ALL?</p>
<b>Path - Setup Internal Adjustments</b>	<p>Selects the path for which the following adjustments are to be performed.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a. (With remote control, the path is selected using the numerical suffix under CALibrate.)</p>
<b>Adjust Synthesis - Setup Internal Adjustments</b>	<p>Performs all adjustments which affect the frequency of the selected path.</p> <p>This includes adjustment of option R&amp;S SMATE-B22, FM/PhiM Modulator / and Low Phase Noise.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CAL1:FREQ:MEAS?</p>
<b>Adjust Level - Setup Internal Adjustments</b>	<p>Performs all adjustments which affect the level of the selected path.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CAL:LEV:MEAS?</p>
<b>Use Level Adjustment Data - Setup Internal Adjustments</b>	<p>Switch on or off use of external level correction data for the selected path (see service manual, chapter 2, "Adjustment"). This switch can be used in case of corrupt external level correction data.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CAL:LEV:STAT ON</p>
<b>Adjust I/Q Modulator Current Frequency - Setup Internal Adjustments</b>	<p>Starts the adjustment for the I/Q modulator for the currently set frequency, I/Q swap, and baseband gain. The I/Q modulator is adjusted with respect to carrier leakage, I/Q imbalance and quadrature.</p> <p>Adjustment for only the set frequency is considerably faster than adjustment across the entire frequency range. This is possible with ... <b>Full Range</b>.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CAL1:IQM:LOC</p>

**Adjust I/Q Modulator Full Range- Setup Internal Adjustments**

Starts the adjustment for the I/Q modulator for the entire frequency range. The I/Q modulator is adjusted with respect to carrier leakage, I/Q imbalance and quadrature.

Remote-control command:  
CAL1 : IQM : FULL ?

**Adjust Baseband Input- Setup Internal Adjustments**

Starts the adjustment for the baseband input. The I/Q input is adjusted with respect to DC offset and gain.

Remote-control command:  
CAL : BBIN : MEAS

**Hardware Config... - Setup-System**

In the **Hardware Config** menu, the installed assemblies together with their variants and revision states can be displayed for servicing purposes.

The **Hardware Config** menu is opened using the **SETUP** or **MENU** key under **System**.

Section **Counter** in the upper part of the menu shows the **Operation Hours** and the number of power-on (**Power On Counter**).

Remote-control command:

DIAG : INFO : OTIM ?

Response: "100023"

DIAG : INFO : POC ?

Response: "123"

A table below lists the installed assemblies. It is divided into the sections **Common Assembly, RF Assembly** and **Baseband Assembly**.

<b>Path</b>	Shows the path to which the assembly belongs
<b>Assembly</b>	Assembly name
<b>Part Number</b>	Part Number of assembly
<b>Serial Number</b>	Serial Number of assembly
<b>Revision</b>	Revision state of assembly
<b>At slot</b>	Indicates whether the assembly is connected to the serial bus or PCI bus

Remote-control command:

DIAG : BGIN ? "MBRD"

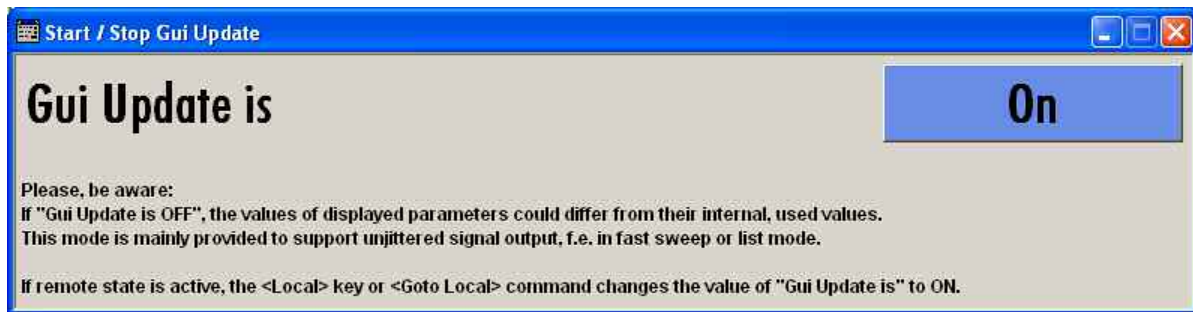
Response:

"MBRD 1141.3501.02 1.5.3 100023"

## Gui Update... - Setup/System

The **Start/Stop Gui Update** menu... provides the possibility to switch off update of the displayed parameters in order to increase speed for certain settings.

The indicated values are not updated and may therefore differ from the intern, used values.



Remote-control command:

```
SYST:DISP:UPD OFF
```

## Software / Options... - Setup/System

The **Software / Options...** shows the firmware version of the instrument software as well as all installed hardware and software options.

*Note:*

***Software options purchased at a later stage can be activated with a keycode. The activation code is supplied with the software option. How to install options is described in Chapter 4 of the Service Manual (supplied with the instrument).***

***The installation of hardware options purchased at a later stage is also described in Chapter 4 of the Service Manual (supplied with the instrument). Most hardware options need to be installed at an authorized Rohde&Schwarz service shop.***

The **Software / Options** menu is opened using the **[SETUP]** (CTRL+E) or **[MENU]** key (CTRL+M) under **System**.

Remote-control commands:

```
*OPT?
```

Response:

```
"SMATE-B106/B116, SMATE-B203, SMATE-B10, SMATE-B10, SMATE-B13, SMATE-B13,
...."
```

```
*IDN?
```

Response:

```
"Rohde&Schwarz, SMATE200A, 1400.7005k02/123456, 1.00.0.0 (Release)"
```

The **Firmware** section of the menu shows the firmware version and the version of the software platform.



The tables in the sections **Hardware**, **Software** and **WinIQSIM** list the installed hardware and software options.

<b>Option</b>	Short name of option
<b>Designation</b>	Name of Option
<b>Licenses</b>	Number of licenses The license for the software options are "floating licenses". This means that in the case of two-path instruments just one license is required to use the option for either of the two paths. However, two licenses must be purchased to use an option on both paths simultaneously.
<b>Expiration Date</b>	Expiration date of option For regular options, Permanent is indicated in this column. Some options are available as trial versions. This column shows their expiration date. After this date, the option is no longer available on the instrument.

Section **Loaded Modules** is provided for service purposes. It lists all loaded software modules with their versions and offers a short description of each module.

## Install SW-Option... - Setup/System

Newly purchased software options are enabled in the **Install SW-Options** menu.... They are ready to operate after they are enabled by means of a key code supplied with the option.



Only if the R&S Vector Signal Generator is equipped with an older firmware version, a firmware update prior to enabling the software option may be required. The information on the valid firmware versions for the purchased software option is provided together with the option. The firmware update is described in the service manual instrument, chapter 4 (on CD ROM, supplied with the instrument).

## Update - Setup-System

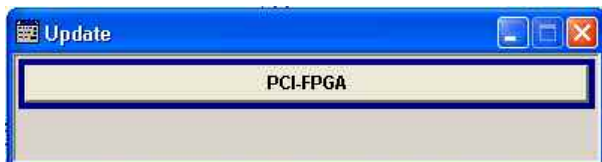
After a firmware update it is occasionally required to also update the PCI-FPGA. This is enabled in the **Update...** menu".

At the first start of the new firmware, a message appears during the boot process if a PCI-FPGA update is required, also. A PCI-FPGA update is by pressing the **PCI-FPGA** button.



**Attention:**

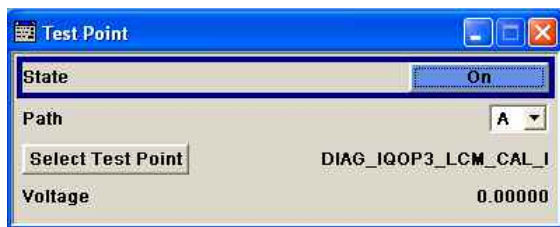
*To avoid impairment of instrument functions, the update of the PCI-FPGA must not be cancelled and the instrument must not be switched off during this update.*



## Test Point... - Setup-Test

The **Test Point...** menu provides access to the test points available in the instrument. When activated, the voltage of the selected test point is measured and displayed. A detailed description of the test points can be found in Chapter 3 of the Service Manual (supplied with the instrument).

The **Test Point...** menu is opened using the **[SETUP]** (CTRL+E) or **[MENU]** key under **System**.



**State Test Point - Setup**

Activates the measurement of the voltage at the selected test point.

Remote-control command:

```
DIAG1:MEAS:POIN? 'DIAG_IQOP3_LCM_CAL_I'
```

Response: 2

**Path Test Point - Setup**

Selects the path along which the test point is measured. Selection is only possible with two-path instruments.

Remote-control command: n.a.

(The path is selected using the suffix under DIAGnostic)



**Select Test Point - Setup**

Calls the submenu for selecting the test point. The currently selected test point is shown next to the button.



Remote-control commands:

DIAG1:POIN:CAT? (Command lists all test points)

DIAG1:MEAS:POIN? 'DIAG\_IQOP3\_LCM\_CAL\_I'

(With remote control, voltage measurement starts as soon as the test point is selected)

**Voltage Test Point - Setup**

Displays the measured voltage measurement at the selected test point.

Remote-control command:

DIAG1:MEAS:POIN? 'DIAG\_IQOP3\_LCM\_CAL\_I'

Response: 2

**Selftest**

A selftest is provided for service purposes. The selftest is a protected test procedure, which can be accessed if protection level 1 is disabled. The protection dialog is called in the **Setup** menu (see [Protection - Setup-Protection](#), on page 4.19).

**Execute Baseband****Connection Selftest - Setup****System Selftest**

Performs a connection test on each of the internal digital baseband links. This implies all installed options as baseband inputs, motherboard, universal coding generators, fading simulators, and baseband outputs. The result (succeeded or failed) is displayed in the status field next to the **Execute Baseband Connection Selftest** button.

Remote-control command:

TEST:BB:CONNECTION?

Response: Succeeded, Failed

## Check Front Panel - Setup-Test

The **Check Front Panel** menu.. is used to check whether the front panel keys are functioning correctly. The menu displays all the front panel keys arranged in the same way as on the front panel. The respective function is executed by pressing the associated key.

## Security - Setup -Environment

The **Security...** menu provides access to the passwords and mass storage security settings. It is opened using the **[SETUP]** or **[MENU]** key under **Environment**.

The menu is divided into the password sections and the security settings section. In the password section, the passwords for securing a controlled access to the instrument are defined and changed. In the security section, the remote interfaces are enabled and disabled.

A change of passwords for the operating system and security password requires the entry of the old and new password and the conformation of the new password. All settings are only accepted after the **Accept** button is pressed.



**Old Password - Setup** Enters the currently used password. The default password is "root".

Remote-control commands: n.a.

**New Password - Setup** Enters the new password.

Remote-control commands: n.a.

**Confirm Password - Setup** Enters the new password for conformation.

The new password is only valid after the **Change Password** button is pressed.

Remote-control commands: n.a.

**Change Password - Setup** Changes the password accordingly.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**USB Device - Setup**

Enables/disables the USB interfaces. Any device connected to the USB interface is not recognized by the instrument when the interface is disabled.

The setting requires the entry of the security password and is only accepted after the **Accept** button is pressed.

Remote-control commands: n.a.

**LAN Connection - Setup**

Enables/disables the LAN interfaces. Any device connected to the LAN interface is not recognized by the instrument when the interface is disabled.

The setting requires the entry of the security password and is only accepted after the **Accept** button is pressed.

Remote-control commands: n.a.

**Security Password - Setup**

Enters the security password that is required to enable or disabled the LAN or USB interface. Default is '123456'.

All settings are only accepted after the **Accept** button is pressed.

Remote-control commands: n.a.

**Accept - Setup**

Accepts a new entry or selection and changes the settings accordingly.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings - Setup-Environment**

The **Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs** menu can be opened using the **SETUP** or **MENU** key under the **Environment** menu as well as in all clock and trigger menus of the **Baseband** function block.

This menu is used to determine the physical characteristics of the input connectors for trigger, clock and control signals of the baseband and RF section. The user inputs/outputs (BNC connector and pins of the AUX I/O connector) are assigned in the menu User Marker AUX I/O (see [User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings](#), on page 4.15).

A common trigger threshold and input impedance is effective for all trigger and control signal inputs (Path A and Path B). The settings influence the digital modulations, the generation of waveforms or multi carrier signals, and all digital standards. Irrespective of this, a common threshold and input impedance is effective for the serial and parallel data input (Path A only). These data sources are available for digital modulation (**Custom Digital Modulation**).

The instrument trigger setting influences all sweeps and is effective in the List mode (Instrument Trigger, Path A and Path B).

**Threshold Data Input - Global Settings**

Sets the high/low threshold in volts for the serial and parallel data input.

The serial data is input at the DATA connector on the front of the instrument. The parallel data is input via the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument (DATA pins).

Remote-control command:

SOUR:INP:DATA:THR 1.0

<b>Threshold Trigger/Control Input - Global Settings</b>	<p>Sets the high/low threshold in volts for the trigger and control signal inputs of the baseband section.</p> <p>The setting affects the TRIGGER 1 and 2 inputs (BNC connectors at the front and rear of the instrument) and the CW, BURST and LEV_ATT inputs (AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument).</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:INP:TRIG:LEV 1.0</p>
<b>Impedance Data Input - Global Settings</b>	<p>Selects the input impedance for the serial and parallel data inputs. 50 Ohm/GND should be selected for high clock rates.</p> <p>The serial data is input at the DATA connector on the front of the instrument. The parallel data is input via the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument (DATA pins).</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:INP:DATA:IMP G50</p>
<b>Impedance Trigger/Control Input - Global Settings</b>	<p>Selects the input impedance for the external trigger and control signal inputs. 50 Ohm/GND should be selected for high clock rates.</p> <p>The setting affects the TRIGGER 1 and 2 inputs (BNC connectors at the front and rear of the instrument) and the CW, BURST and LEV_ATT inputs (AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument).</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:INP:TRIG:IMP G1K</p>
<b>Baseband Trigger Input Slope - Global Settings</b>	<p>Selects the polarity of the active slope of an externally applied trigger signal at the BNC connector TRIGGER 1/2.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:INP:TRIG:BBAN:SLOP POS</p>
<b>Instrument Trigger Input Slope - Global Settings</b>	<p>Sets the polarity of the active slope of an applied instrument trigger.</p> <p>This setting affects the INST TRIG input (BNC connector at the rear of the instrument for Path A and the INST TRIG B input of the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument for Path B).</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:INP:TRIG:SLOP POS</p>
<b>Clock Input Slope - Global Settings</b>	<p>Sets the polarity of the active slope of an externally applied bit clock pulse or symbol clock pulse.</p> <p>This setting affects the CLOCK input (BNC connector at the front of the instrument). An external clock signal can only be supplied for Path A.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CLOC:INP:SLOP POS</p>

The polarity of the clock output at the rear panel is set and the path selected in the **Clock Output (BNC Rear Panel)** section.

<b>Clock Output Source - Global Settings</b>	<p>Indicates the path for which the clock signal at the CLOCK OUT connector is to be output (always Path A).</p> <p>This setting is only possible for two-path instruments.</p> <p>Remote-control command : CLOC:OUTP:SOUR?</p> <p>Response: A</p>
<b>Clock Output Mode - Global Settings</b>	<p>Sets the output of bit or symbol clock pulses at the CLOCK OUT connector at the rear panel.</p> <p>Remote-control command : CLOC:OUTP:MODE SYMB</p>
<b>User Marker - AUX I/O Settings - Global Settings</b>	<p>Calls the menu for configuring the AUX I/O and user interfaces (see the following section "<a href="#">User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings</a>").</p> <p>The pin assignment of the AUX I/O interface is shown in the <b>User Marker - AUX I/O Configuration</b> menu; the assignment of the USER pins 2...4 and USER 1 BNC connector can be changed.</p> <p>With two-path instruments, the current assignment to the respective path is given in addition to the pin assignment.</p>

## User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings

The R&S Vector Signal Generator provides four USER interfaces which can be freely assigned a selection of signals and which can be configured as both inputs and outputs.

The following signals can be applied at the connector:

- **Marker 4** (output Path A or B): A broad selection of suitable marker signals is offered in the marker menus of the **Baseband** function. In addition, they can be freely configured in the Control List Editor (**Custom Dig Mod**) and Slot Marker Editor (**GSM/EDGE**). The selected markers are activated when switching on the **Baseband** function. When using markers defined in a control list (Marker = CList) the related control list must be loaded in addition (**Custom Dig Mod**).
- **CW Mode Out** (output Path A or B): This signal marks the CW mode in which digital modulation (**Custom Dig Mod**) is deactivated and the RF signal is output in unmodulated form. The CW signal is defined in a control list and activated by loading the control list and setting the **Modulation** ⇄ **CW Switching** State to **On** in the **More** sub menu.  
With standards where it is possible to change between various modulation modes, the signal indicates the active modulation mode (standard GSM: signal high (1) = modulation mode GMSK and signal low (0) = modulation mode 8PSK EDGE). In this cases, the signal is generated automatically when the standard is switched on.
- **No Signal (Blank) Marker** (output Path A or B): This signal marks the blank time in the List mode. The signal is generated automatically when the list mode is switched on.
- **HOP** (output Path A or B): This signal marks the hop trigger for frequency hopping in the List mode for **Custom Digital Mod**. The hop signal is defined in a control list and activated by loading the control list in the **Custom Dig Mod** menu.
- **Trigger** (output Path A or B): This signal marks the trigger event caused by the selected trigger signal (internally or externally) of Path A or B. The trigger is defined in the respective trigger submenu of the **Baseband** block menus.

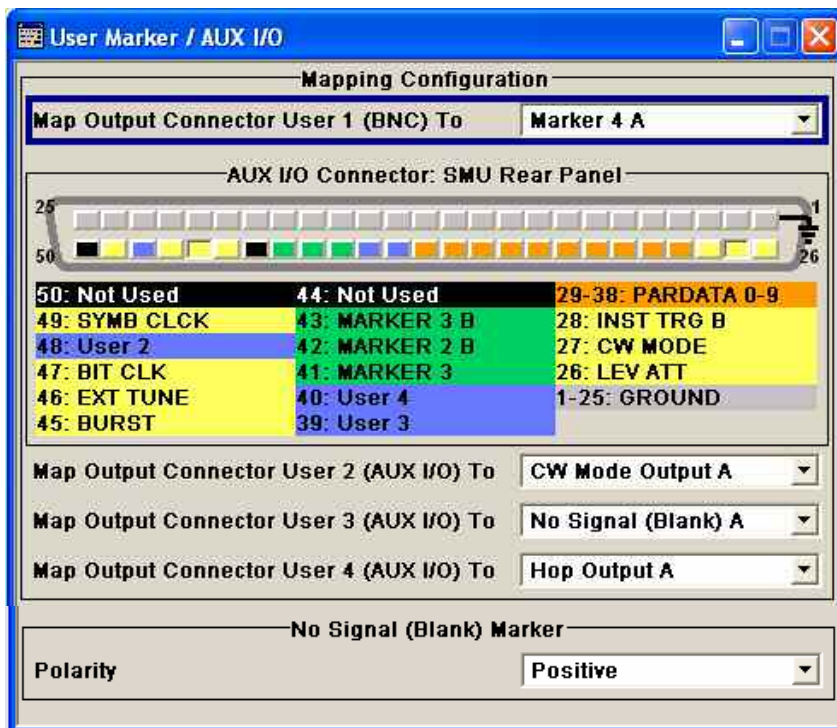
Additional signals for Path B are available in the case of two-path instruments. The corresponding signals for Path A are applied at the pins of the AUX I/O interface and at the BNC connector CLOCK.

- **Clock Out** (output Path B; bit or symbol clock pulse): This signal corresponds to the clock signal for digital modulations. The signal is generated automatically when the standard is switched on.
- **LEV ATT** (input/output Path B): With active envelope curve control, this signal determines whether or not the signal level is attenuated. With external envelope curve control, the interface is input, otherwise output. The envelope curve control is activated in the **Power Ramp Control** submenu in the **Custom Digital Modulation** menu. The internal LEV ATT control signal is defined in a control list which must be loaded in the main menu.
- **BURST** (input/output Path B): This signal corresponds to the control signal for envelope curve control. With external envelope curve control, the interface is input, otherwise output. The envelope curve control is activated in the **Power Ramp Control** submenu in the **Custom Digital Modulation** menu. The internal BURST control signal is defined in a control list which must be loaded in the main menu.



The **User Marker - AUX I/O** menu can be opened using the **SETUP** key (CTRL+E) under **Environment - Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs** or in the **Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs** submenu of the **Trigger** menu, e.g. from the **GSM/EDGE** menu in the **Baseband A/B** function block.

The signals are assigned to the USER interfaces in the Mapping Configuration section. The pin assignment of the AUX I/O connector is also displayed. An adapter between the AUX I/O interface and coaxial BNC connections is available as an accessory (accessories for R&S SMATE-Z5, see data sheet).

The polarity of the blank marker is selected in the **No Signal (Blank) Marker** section.



**AUX I/O Connector Mapping - AUX I/O Configuration**

An illustration of the AUX I/O interface is shown. The pins are color-coded. The inputs are indicated by a "depressed" pin , outputs by a non-depressed pin .

The assignment is shown in tabular form underneath the interface. The colors indicate the signal type. A distinction is made between control signals (yellow), marker signals (green), data (orange), freely selectable signals at the user pins (blue), ground (gray), and unused pins (black).

If no path letter is specified, the pin is assigned to the signals of Path A. Pins with signals from Path B are indicated by a "B" to the right of the signal name. This does not apply to the EXT TUNE input via which the signal for external impairment of the reference frequency is supplied; this impairment signal applies to both paths.

Connection	Description
1... 25 - ⊥	Ground
26 - LEV ATT	Signal input/output for controlling the level attenuation (Path A only). With external envelope curve control ( <b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> only), the pin is the input for the control signal LEV_ATT. With internal envelope curve control, the control signal LEV_ATT is output for Path A. With two-path instruments, the signal for Path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.
27 - CW MODE	Signal input for controlling the switchover between the modulated and unmodulated RF signal with activated external modulation/CW switching in the <b>Custom Digital Modulation</b> menu (CW control signal, Path A and/or Path B).  Signal output for the CW control signal with internal source selected. This signal marks the CW mode in which digital modulation is deactivated and the RF signal is output in unmodulated form. In the case of digital standards with selectable modulation mode, the signal indicates the active modulation mode (GSM: (G)MSK = high, 8PSK EDGE = low)
28 - INST TRIG B	Input for external triggering of the analog modulations, sweeps and List mode. HOP input for controlling the frequency hopping mode with external source in List mode (Path B). The instrument trigger input for Path A is input via the DIGITAL I/O interface.
29 - PARDATA0 ...	Parallel data input/output 0...D with 10-bit word width for digital modulation. If the data source "external parallel" is selected, these pins are the data inputs. If a different data source is selected, the data is output here (Custom Digital Modulation, Path A).
38 - PARDATA9	
39 - USER 3	USER input/output which can be configured for various purposes (see above).
40 - USER 4	USER input/output which can be configured for various purposes (see above).
41 - MARKER 3	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 3 of Path A. The output is permanently assigned.
42 - MARKER 2 B	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 2 of Path B.
43 - MARKER 3 B	Output for the freely programmable marker signal 3 of Path B. The output is permanently assigned.
44 - not used	Pin is not used.
45 - BURST	Signal input/output for controlling the burst ramp, Path A. With external envelope curve control (Custom Digital Modulation only), the pin is the input for the control signal BURST_RAMP. With internal envelope curve control, the control signal BURST_RAMP is output for Path A. With two-path instruments, the signal for Path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.



Connection	Description
46 - EXT TUNE	Tuning input for the internal reference frequency.
47 - BITCLK	Output Bit clock for internal mode (Path A only).
48 - USER 2	USER input/output which can be configured for various purposes (see above).
49 - SYMBCLK	Symbol clock output for internal mode (Path A only). With two-path instruments, the signal for Path B can be applied to one of the user interfaces.
50 - not used	Pin is not used.

**User Connector Signal - AUX I/O Configuration**

Selects the signal for USER interface 1 (BNC), 2, 3 or 4 (AUX I/O). The signals which are available for selection are given above.

Remote-control command:  
 OUTP:USER2:SOUR AMAR

The polarity of the No Signal (Blank) Marker is set in the **No Signal (Blank) Marker** section.

**Polarity - No Signal Marker - AUX I/O Configuration**

Selects the polarity of the No Signal Marker. If **Positive** is selected, the signal is high (2.5 V) when the marker is active; if **Negative** is selected, the signal is low (0 V).

Remote-control command:  
 OUTP:BLAN:POL POS

## GPIB/Ethernet - Setup-Remote

The **Remote Channel...** menu provides access to the GPIB and Ethernet settings. The **Remote GPIB...** menu is opened using the **[SETUP]** or **[MENU]** key under **Remote**.



**GPIB channel address**

Sets the IEC/IEEE-bus address of the instrument.

Remote-control command:  
 SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR 28

**Visa Resource String**

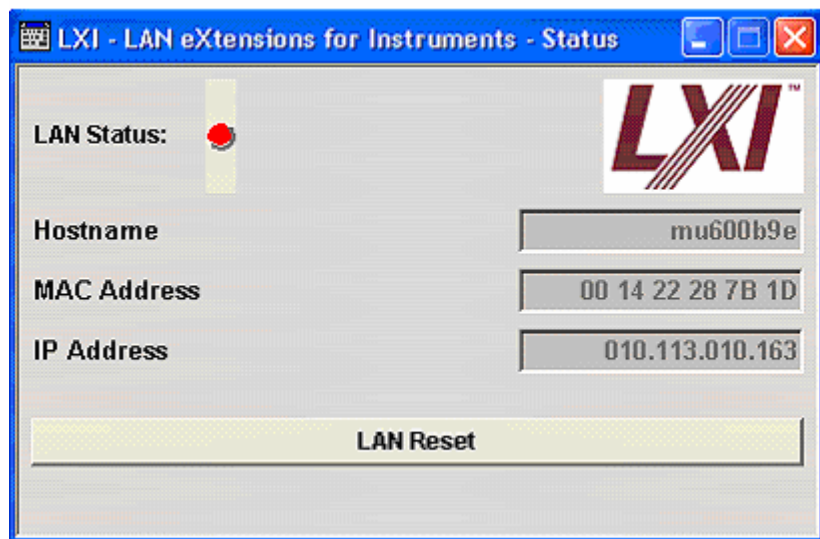
Indicates the visa resource string. This string is used for remote control of the instrument.

Remote-control command:  
 SYST:COMM:NET:RES?  
 Response: TCPIP:192.1.2.3:INSTR



## LXI Status - Setup-Remote

The **LXI - LAN eXtensions for Instruments - Status...** menu displays the settings and status of the LAN and allows to reset the LAN settings.



**LAN Status**                      The LED indicates the LXI status.  
 Remote-control command : n.a.  
**green**                              normal operation  
**green (flashing)**              device identification  
**red**                                    LAN fault

**LAN Reset**                      Resets the hostname, MAC address, and IP address.  
 Remote-control command: n.a.

## Protection - Setup-Protection

The **Protection** menu provides access to the unlocking of protected service functions (authorized personnel of R&S Service Departments only). To unlock the lock-out, the correct password has to be entered. After the instrument has been switched on, the lock-out 2 to 5 is automatically activated.

Protection Level 1 can be activated to lock-out internal adjustment. The password is 123456.



Remote-control command :  
 SYST:PROT1:STAT ON  
 SYST:PROT1:STAT OFF, 123456

## Save Recall - Setup-Setting

The **Save/Recall** submenu can also be called up with the **[FILE]** key (CTRL+S) and is therefore described in the section on this key (see section "[Storing and Loading Instrument Data - File Key](#)", page 4.23).

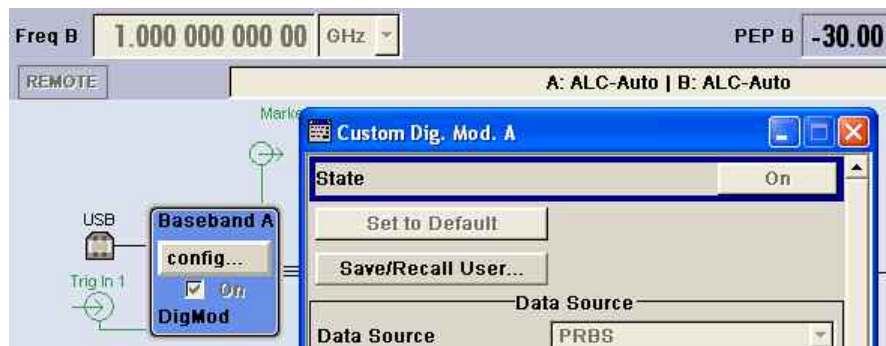
## Help - Setup-Help

The **Help** submenu offers comprehensive online help for the R&S Vector Signal Generator. A desired topic can be selected via the table of contents (select **Manual**) or the index (select **Index**).

For context-sensitive information about a marked parameter, press the **[HELP]** key (F1). For a description of the **Help** menu, refer to the section covering to the **[HELP]** key (see section "[Help System - Help Key](#)", on page 4.21).

## Switching to Manual Control - Local Key

In remote control mode a status message appears in the display header. The rest of the display remains unchanged and shows the current instrument status, i.e. the status which exists under the remote control settings. The instrument can be operated (e.g. menus can be opened). However, it is not possible to enter or change values.



The status message additionally indicates whether the **[LOCAL]** key is disabled or enabled (see also Chapter 5, section "[Switch-Over to Remote Control](#)").

If the **REMOTE** status message is shown, the **[LOCAL]** key switches the instrument from remote control to manual control. The current command must be fully processed before the mode is switched, otherwise the instrument switches immediately back to remote control.

If the **REM-LLO** status message is displayed, the instrument can be switched from remote control to manual control by means of remote control only (e.g. with the Visual Basic command `CALL IBLOC (generator%)`); the **[LOCAL]** key is disabled. The key is disabled by remote control with the command `LLO`.

When switching from remote to manual control, the display update suppression function, if active (**[SETUP]- GUI Update is Off**), is automatically deactivated (**[SETUP]- GUI Update is On**).

## Generating a Hardcopy of Display - Hcopy Key

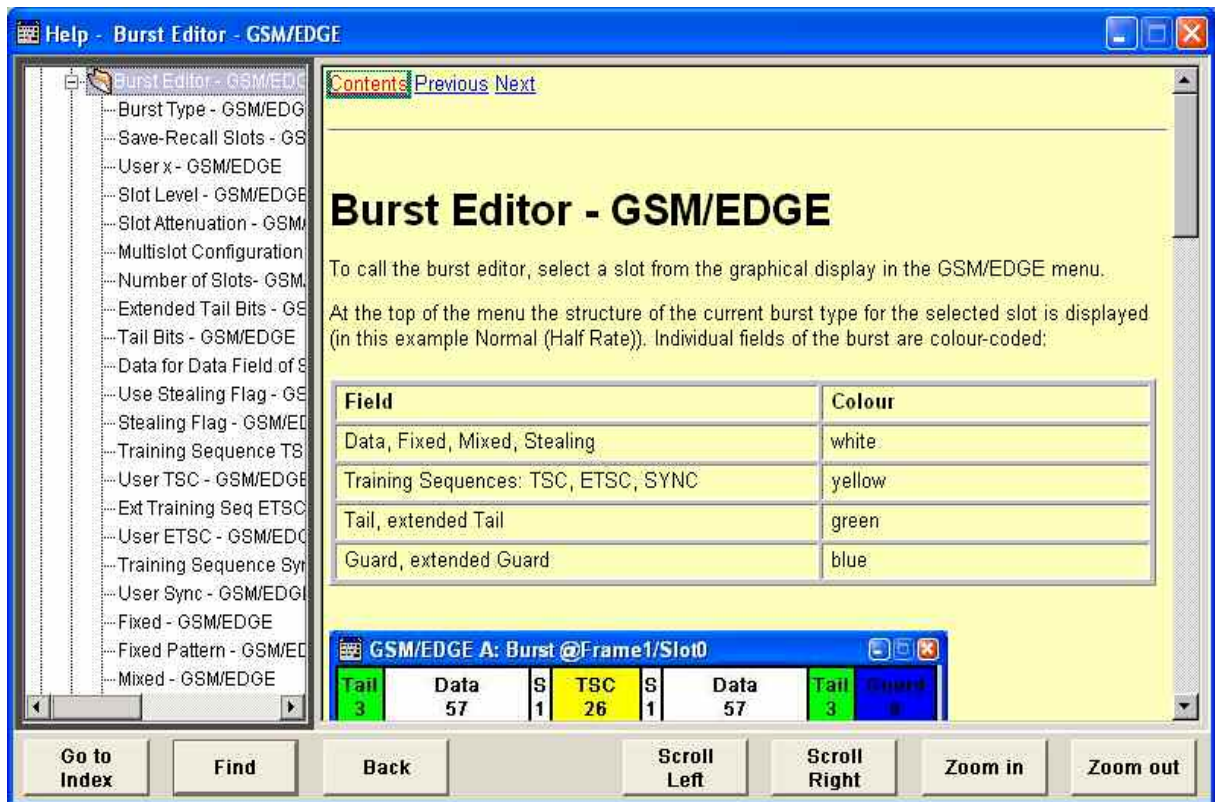
The **[HCOPY]** key is without function for the Vector Signal Generator.

## Messages - Info Key

The **[INFO]** key (CTRL+I) opens a window containing a detailed description of every message displayed in the info bar, see chapter 3, section "*Info and Status Bar*" and chapter 9, section "*Error Messages*".

## Help System - Help Key

The **[HELP]** key (F1) opens a browser window containing a context-sensitive description of the highlighted parameter.



The context-sensitive page which is opened with the **[HELP]** key is part of a comprehensive help system. It is possible to move from this context-sensitive page to any page of the help system. The following navigation aids are available:

- **Internal links in the text**  
They open pages which are directly linked to the described function. In this way it is possible, for example, to call up the description of the IEC/IEEE-bus command for any particular function.

- **Previous/Next links**  
The Previous/Next links allow scroll through the help pages. The sequence of the described functions corresponds to their position in the menus.
- **Back softkey**  
The Back softkey calls up the page last viewed.
- **Contents in the navigation panel**  
The contents list is used to open the individual help pages. It has a hierarchical structure. The highlighted line indicates where the currently displayed page is within the contents list.
- **Index in the navigation panel**  
The index is used to call up all pages which contain the selected entry. The index has an alphabetical structure and also contains all IEC/IEEE-bus commands.
- **Text search softkey**  
The text search allows you to look for freely selectable terms in all help pages. A list of the pages containing the entered term is displayed as the search result. The search can be limited to words in the page title to increase the number of hits.

The softkeys are used to determine the entry focus for front panel operation, to select the content of the navigation window and to change the font size. To determine the entry focus for front panel operation the Cursors UP/Down are used. The links are highlighted in blue, and can be selected and called up using the rotary knob.

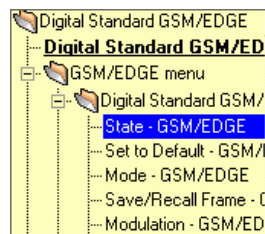
**Index / Tree - Help**

Switches the navigation window display between the contents tree and index entries. The input focus must be in the left-hand navigation window.

Remote-control command : -

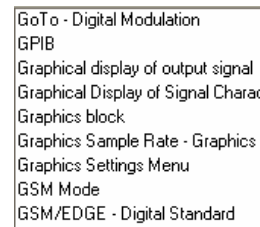
**Contents tree:**

The contents tree is the contents list of the help system. The cursor always highlights the entry which is currently being displayed in the right-hand help window. The associated page can be opened by selecting an entry.



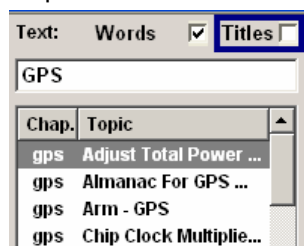
**Index:**

The index contains an alphabetical list of all terms which refer to functions of the instrument. For example, it contains all parameter names and all IEC/IEEE-bus commands. The associated help page can be opened by selecting an entry.



**Find - Help**

Opens the search panel. The content of the titles only or the complete help text can be searched for the entered term.



Remote-control command: -

**Scroll Left / Scroll Right - Help**

Shifts the indicated area of the navigation window.

Remote-control command: -

**Zoom in / Zoom out - Help**

Increases and reduces the font size of the help text.

Remote-control command: -

## Storing and Loading Instrument Data - File Key

The R&S Vector Signal Generator allows complete instrument settings to be stored in files on the hard disk. Defined and complex instrument settings can then be reproduced at any time by loading this data. If required, these settings can be loaded to various signal generators.

The **[FILE]** key (CTRL+S) open the menu used to store and load instrument settings in a file. The data can be stored on the hard disk in a data directory. Additionally there are three intermediate memories in which the current instrument setting can be stored and then called up again by pressing a key. This makes it possible to switch quickly between defined instrument settings.

All settings which differ from the preset plus the configuration data for the operating elements (e.g. window positions) are stored. When loaded, these referenced settings are implemented and all non-referenced parameters are set to the associated preset value. As a result the files remain relatively small since they only contain the relevant information. Furthermore, this also allows instrument settings to be transferred easily between different signal generators since once again only the settings which differ from the preset values have to be adjusted.

If a list, e.g. a frequency/level list, is used for the LIST mode or a list of frame or channel configurations is used for a digital standard, a reference to this list also stored. The list is also loaded when the associated instrument setting is loaded. If the list has been deleted in the meantime (or it is not available on a different instrument), an error message appears if an attempt is made to access this list after the instrument setting has been loaded. The associated setting or operating mode, e.g. the List mode, is only started after the user has selected an existing list. If the list has been overwritten in the meantime, the new entries will be used.

**Note:**

***Lists are stored and loaded in the appropriate menus. For example, the GSM frame definitions are created and stored in the GSM menu.***

When loading an instrument setting, it is possible to select whether the current frequency and level setting is to be retained or whether the stored settings are to be activated. It is possible to delete stored instrument settings. A file can be copied by loading it with "Recall" and then storing it under a new name.

Settings can be transferred easily between instruments with different equipment options and/or firmware versions because only the settings which differ from the preset values are affected. When settings are loaded, only those which are possible on the instrument are implemented. Error messages indicate the settings which cannot be implemented.

The stored file is transferred from one instrument to another using the memory stick or by means of a network drive.

General file management functions such as copying and moving data are available in the **File Manager** submenu.

## File Menu

The settings available in the File menu depend on the operation selected under **Select Operation**.



**Select Operation - File**      Selects the file function.

**Save...**      Calls the menu for storing the current instrument setting.

**Recall...**      Calls the menu for calling up a stored instrument setting.

## Storing Instrument Settings - File

If **Save** is selected under **Select Operation**, the File menu provides options for storing the current instrument setting in a file.

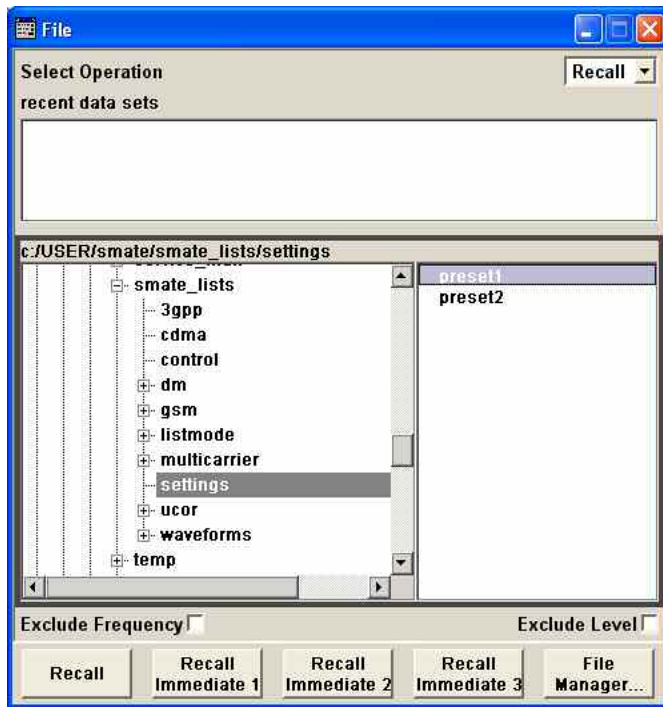


<b>Recent data sets - File</b>	Displays the files last used. The entire path is shown in plain text. Remote-control command: n.a.
<b>Directory - File</b>	Selects the directory in which the file is to be stored. The window opposite lists all settings files in this directory. A new directory can be created in the File Manager ( <b>File Manager</b> button).  Remote-control command: M MEM:CDIR "D:\user" (The path can also be entered when the file is stored.)
<b>File List - File</b>	Displays the files which are in the selected directory. If a file is highlighted, it is overwritten when the file is stored.  Remote-control command: M MEM:CAT?
<b>File Name - File</b>	Enter the file name of the file without file extension. This file is then created.  Remote-control command: n.a. (The file name is entered when the file is stored.)
<b>Save - File</b>	Stores the current instrument settings under the specified path.  Remote-control command: M MEM:STOR:STAT 0, 'test'
<b>Save Immediate x- File</b>	Stores the current instrument setting in one of the three intermediate memories.  These instrument settings are retained until a different instrument setting is stored in the intermediate memory. When the instrument is switched off, the contents of the intermediate memories are retained.  Remote-control command: *SAV 1
<b>File Management- File</b>	Calls the <b>File Management</b> menu. Directories can be created and files managed in this menu (see the section " <a href="#">File Management - File</a> ", page 4.27").  Remote-control command: n.a.



## Loading Instrument Settings - File

If **Recall** is selected under **Select Operation**, the **File** menu provides options for loading complete instrument settings. Here it is possible to select whether the current or stored RF frequency and RF level settings are to be used.



### Recent data sets - File

Displays the files last used. The entire path is shown.

If the desired file is in the list, it can be selected in this window.

Remote-control command: n.a.

### Directory - File

Enter the directory in which the file with the instrument setting to be loaded is located.

The **Selected file** window lists all the files in this directory.

Remote-control command:

MMEM:CDIR "D:\user"

### File List - File

Selects the file with the desired instrument configuration.

Remote-control command:

MMEM:CAT?

### Exclude Frequency - File

The current frequency is retained when a stored instrument setting is loaded.

Remote-control command:

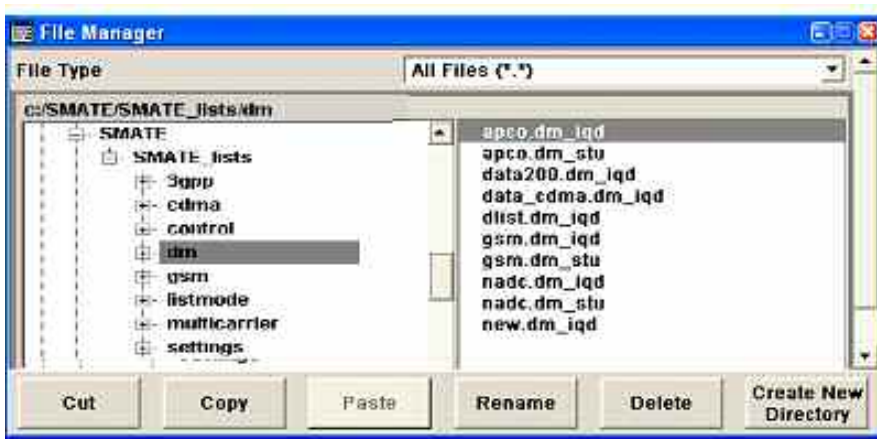
SOUR1:FREQ:RCL EXCL



- Exclude Level - File**      The current level is retained when a stored instrument setting is loaded.
- Remote-control command:  
SOUR1:POW:RCL EXCL
- Recall - File**      Load the selected configuration.
- If an instrument setting in which a sweep was activated is stored, the sweep is started when the recall command is called.
- If an instrument setting which accesses lists is stored, this list is also loaded.
- If the list has been deleted in the meantime, an error message appears when the instrument setting is loaded. If the list has been overwritten in the meantime, the new entries will be used.
- Remote-control command:  
MMEM:LOAD:STAT 0, 'test'
- Recall Intermediate x- File**      Loads the selected configuration from one of the three intermediate memories.
- If an instrument setting in which a sweep was activated is stored, the sweep is started when the recall command is called.
- If an instrument setting which accesses lists is stored, this list is also loaded.
- If the list has been deleted in the meantime, an error message appears when the instrument setting is loaded. If the list has been overwritten in the meantime, the new entries will be used.
- A message appears if no instrument configuration is stored in this memory.
- Remote-control command:  
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## File Management - File

The **File Management** menu provides all the functions required for file management. Directories can be created, and files copied, deleted and moved between the directories on the drives (hard disk, memory stick and network drives).



<b>File Type - File Management</b>	<p>Selects the file types to be indicated. If a file type with a specific file extension (e.g. List Mode List (*.lsw)) is selected only files with this extension are indicated in the selected directory.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>
<b>Directory - File Management</b>	<p>Selects the directory in which the file to be deleted or copied is located. The window to the right lists all files in this directory. The file to be deleted or copied can be highlighted. The path is indicated above the directory window.</p> <p>Remote-control command: MMEM:CDIR "D:\user"</p>
<b>File Name - File Management</b>	<p>Selects the file.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>
<b>Cut - File Management</b>	<p>Cuts the selected file. It can be pasted into a different directory using the <b>Paste</b> button.</p> <p>Remote-control command: MMEM:DEL 'E:\test.savercl'</p>
<b>Copy - File Management</b>	<p>Copies the selected file. It can be pasted into a different or the same directory using the <b>Paste</b> button. When pasting the file into the same directory file name "Copy of &lt;filename&gt;" is given automatically. When pasting the file into a different directory, the original filename is kept.</p> <p>Remote-control command: MMEM:COPY "D:\user\set1.wv", "D:\user\set2.wv"</p>
<b>Paste - File Management</b>	<p>Pastes the file that has been copied or cut before.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>
<b>Rename - File Management</b>	<p>Renames the selected file or directory. The new name can be entered in the <b>New Filename</b> window.</p> <p>Remote-control command: MMEM:MOVE "test02.dm_iqd", "set2.dm_iqd"</p>
<b>Delete - File Management</b>	<p>Deletes the selected file. Before the file is deleted, a message appears prompting the user to confirm deletion of the file.</p> <p>Remote-control command: MMEM:DEL 'E:\test.savercl'</p>
<b>Create New Directory - File Management</b>	<p>Creates a new directory. The name of the new directory can be entered in the <b>New Directory</b> window.</p> <p>The directory is created as a subdirectory in the selected level.</p> <p>Remote-control command: MMEM:MDIR 'D:\user\test'</p>

**Note:**

**When the subdirectory is entered, it is possible to enter an absolute path name (e.g. "D:\USER\MEAS") or the path relative to the current directory (e.g. ". . \MEAS").**

# Graphical Display - Graphics

## Graphical Display of Signal Characteristics

The R&S Vector Signal Generator can be used to graphically display the generated baseband signal. A selection of different signal displays assists the user in assessing and checking the increasingly complex modulation signals.



The Graphics function block is available for instruments with the option R&S SMATE-B13 (Baseband Main Module) and one of the options R&S SMATE-B10/B11 (UniCod + ARB), or R&S SMATE-B62 (Noise Generator).

It is the baseband signal actually generated that is recorded and displayed, and not a signal calculated on the basis of the set parameters.

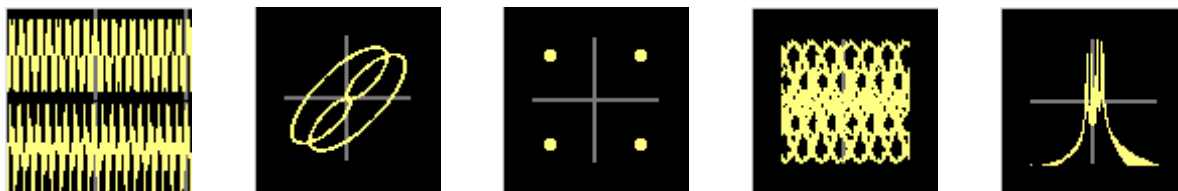
This graphical display allows the user to quickly view and check the current signal characteristics and also gives an overview of the changes in the signal over time. The signal quality can be permanently monitored. The results of parameter changes on the signal, such as a change in modulation mode, or the effects of certain configurations, e.g. the activation of several base stations in the case of (W)CDMA signals, can be analyzed directly in the display. Freezing the signal and then zooming permit a detailed evaluation of any signal segment. The definition and display of one or more reference curves makes it possible to compare various signals (i.e. by comparing the CCDF (Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function) with different channelization codes, or the spectra if different filter parameters are selected).

The displayed signal segment can be influenced by selecting the trigger that defines the time for recording to start. With automatic triggering, the signal is tapped at the point in the signal path that is best for the respective display. The displayed signal segment is selected internally depending on the signal such that the signal characteristics of interest (e.g. the useful signal) are displayed. This selection is appropriate for a representative display of the complete signal.

In addition, a user-definable trigger is available with which the displayed signal segment can be limited.

The time resolution can be set either automatically or manually, whereby for manual setting the bandwidth for which the trace is to be displayed is selected. The transient recorders used for signal recording have a variable recording depth which is specified under the respective display.

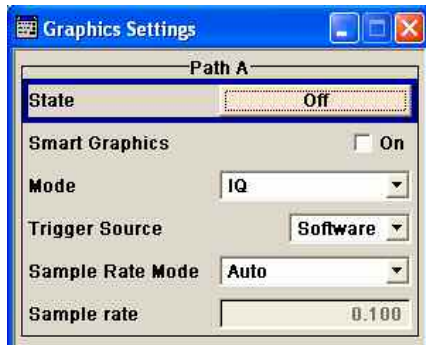
In addition to the large graphics window, the display can also be shown in a small window ("smart graphics"). This window is fitted into the block diagram as a block, and can be used for basic checking purposes (e.g. whether the signal is still being generated).



In the case of two-path instruments, the baseband signals of both paths can be displayed simultaneously.

## Graphics Settings Menu

The **Graphics Settings** menu for selecting the graphical display of the output signal is opened either in the **Graphics** function block or in the menu with the same name which is opened using the **[MENU]** key.



The signal display can be selected and activated in the menu.

With two-path instruments, the settings for the two paths can be entered separately. The signals can be displayed simultaneously in two separate windows.

### Status - Graphics Settings

Activates the selected graphical display.

After activation, the diagram selected with **Mode** is displayed in the block diagram.

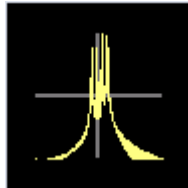
At the bottom of each graphics window there are several buttons for freezing and zooming the display and for activating a reference curve (see the following section "[Softkey Bar of Graphics Window](#)", page 4.32).

Remote-control command: n.a.

### Smart Graphics - Graphics Settings

Activates the "smart graphics".

The graphic is displayed in a small window which is roughly the size of a block. These windows are displayed permanently in the block diagram until they are deactivated, and allow basic checking of the signal. They do not contain any buttons.



Remote-control command: n.a.

### Mode - Graphics Settings

Selects the graphical signal display. The display is not shown until it has been activated with **Status On**.

The individual signal displays are described in the following sections under "[Signal Displays - Graphics](#)", from page 4.35 onwards.

Remote-control command: n.a.

### Trigger Source - Graphics Settings

Defines the trigger for the starting time of the graphic recording.

Remote-control command: n.a.

#### Software

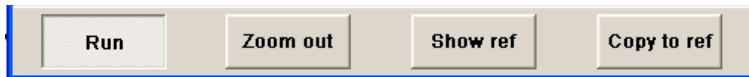
Recording of signals is started automatically in specified intervals.

This asynchronous method is appropriate when a representative display of the complete signal is desired, as recording starts in a random time reference to the signal.

<b>Marker 1</b>	<p>The starting point for recording signals is determined by marker 1 in the menu of the active standard.</p> <p>This synchronous method is appropriate when specific signal segments are to be shown in greater detail. With periodic signals, a static image is obtained by selecting a period length of marker 1 that is equal to the signal period.</p> <p>The displayed signal segment can be shifted as needed by entering a marker delay in the Trigger/Marker menu of the active standard.</p>
<b>Scrambling Code - Graphics Settings</b>	<p>(only if Code Domain (3GPP FDD DL) is selected) Sets the scrambling code if the <b>Code Domain</b> display is selected. Since it is possible to select a different scrambling code in the menu for each of the 4 base stations and it is also possible to display an external signal, the scrambling code for which the display is to be generated must be explicitly specified here.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>
<b>Sample Rate Mode - Graphics Settings</b>	<p>Sets how the time resolution of the signal is determined. Maximum resolution corresponds to a display covering the entire signal bandwidth. The higher the resolution is, the shorter the length of the displayed signal segment will be for the specified recording depth.</p> <p><b>Auto</b>                      The resolution is set to an optimum value on the basis of the signal and display type.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p> <p><b>Full Bandwidth</b>        The resolution is set such that the display covers the entire signal bandwidth.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p> <p><b>User</b>                      Under <b>Graphics Sample Rate</b>, the user can determine the resolution by setting the signal bandwidth for which the display is to be generated.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>
<b>Graphics Sample Rate - Graphics Settings</b>	<p>With <b>Auto</b> and <b>Full Bandwidth</b>: Displays the signal bandwidth for which the display is to be generated.</p> <p>With <b>User</b>: Selects the signal bandwidth for which the display is to be generated. The setting range moves between the minimum and maximum bandwidth which is possible for the selected display. The selection is made graphically by moving the pointer.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>

## Softkey Bar of Graphics Window

At the bottom of each graphics window there are buttons for freezing and zooming the display and for defining and activating a reference curve.



### Run

Freezes the current display.

Clicking the button again reactivates the normal, permanently updated display.

Freezing the display allows it to be analyzed more easily. Zooming the display at the same time permits detailed evaluation of any signal segment.

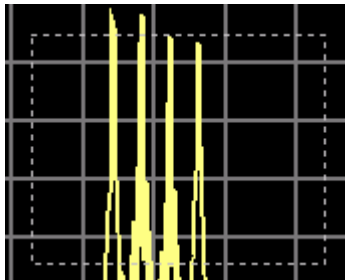
Remote-control command: n.a.

### Zoom In

(only possible with mouse)

The mouse can be used to freely select any section to be zoomed.

This section is selected by pressing the left-hand mouse key and dragging a rectangular marquee. In this way a display can be zoomed in several steps. The zoom is cancelled by clicking the **Zoom Out** button.



Remote-control command: n.a.

### Zoom out

Cancels the zoom.

Remote-control command: n.a.

### Time

(I/Q mode only)

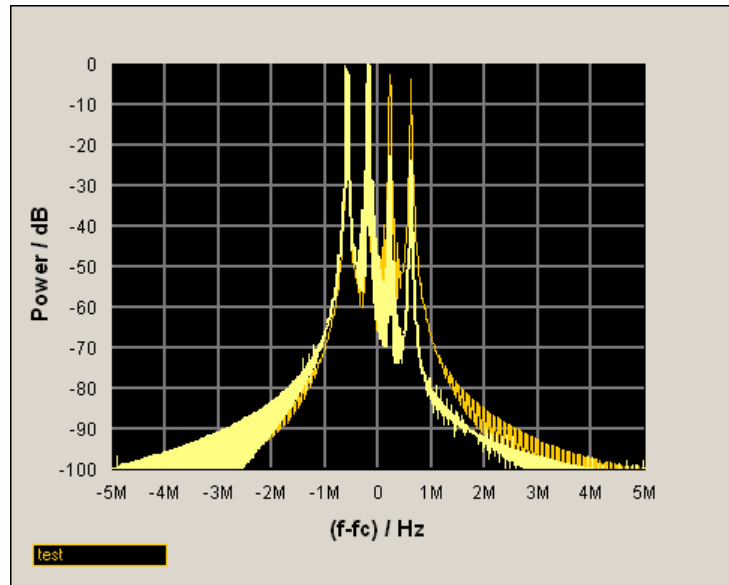
Switches to seconds for time representation on the X axis of the I/Q diagram.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Show ref**

Displays the reference curve(s). All defined reference curves are displayed simultaneously (see the description of the **Copy to ref** button).

The reference curves are displayed together with the current signal. They allow visual comparison of two or more signals with different settings, e.g. with different filters.



Clicking the button again hides the reference curves.

The reference curves must be defined beforehand using the **Copy to Ref** button.

Remote-control command: n.a.

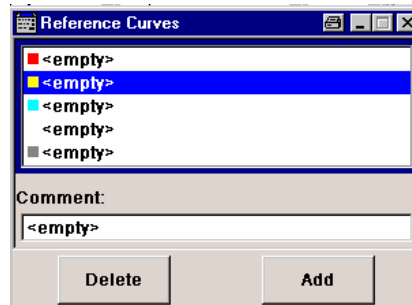
**Copy to ref**

Defines the current curve as the reference curve.

A window opens in which the curve can be given a comment and a color.

First of all the desired color is highlighted in the top window. If this color has already been assigned to a reference curve, this curve is overwritten. The command is entered in the bottom **Comment** section. This comment then appears next to the highlighted color.

Up to 5 reference curves can be defined and displayed simultaneously in different colors together with the current signal.



Each reference curve is available until it is deleted.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Display area** The comments entered for the defined reference curve are shown in the display area next the assigned color. A maximum of five colors (and reference curves) are available. If no reference curve is assigned to a particular color, the comment <empty> is displayed.  
Remote-control command: n.a.

**Comment** Enters a comment for the current curve which is to be defined as the reference curve. This comment then appears next to the highlighted color in the display area.  
Remote-control command: n.a.

**Delete** Deletes the curve highlighted in the display area.  
Curves which are no longer required can be deleted to reduce the number of reference curves displayed simultaneously.  
Remote-control command: n.a.

**Assign** Defines the current curve as the reference curve.  
The new reference curve is shown together with the entered comment next to the selected color in the display area.  
Remote-control command: n.a.



## Signal Displays - Graphics

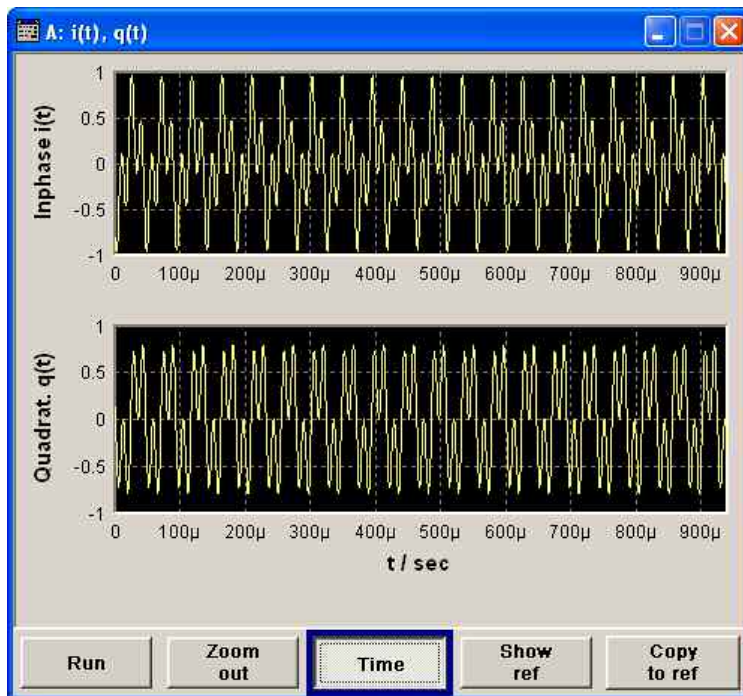
All signal displays which are used for analyzing a baseband signal can be selected. A number of signal displays are only available if the corresponding signal is generated, e.g. Code Domain only available for (W)CDMA signals.

### I/Q Diagram - Graphics

The I/Q diagram displays the inphase component ( $i(t)$ ) and quadrature component ( $q(t)$ ) of the I/Q signal over time.

The diagram is displayed in a window with two separate coordinate systems. The coordinate systems have identical X and Y axes. The time (in number of symbols, chips or samples depending on the signal) is plotted on the X axes, and the amplitude scaled to the peak envelope power (PEP) is plotted on the Y axes (minimum scaled amplitude = -1; maximum scaled amplitude = +1). The recording depth is 1 kSamples.

This signal is picked off at the output of the baseband main module (**Impairment** function block). Impairment of the signal as defined by the user and the addition of noise is contained in the displayed signal. Also, an added internal signal (from the second path) is included.

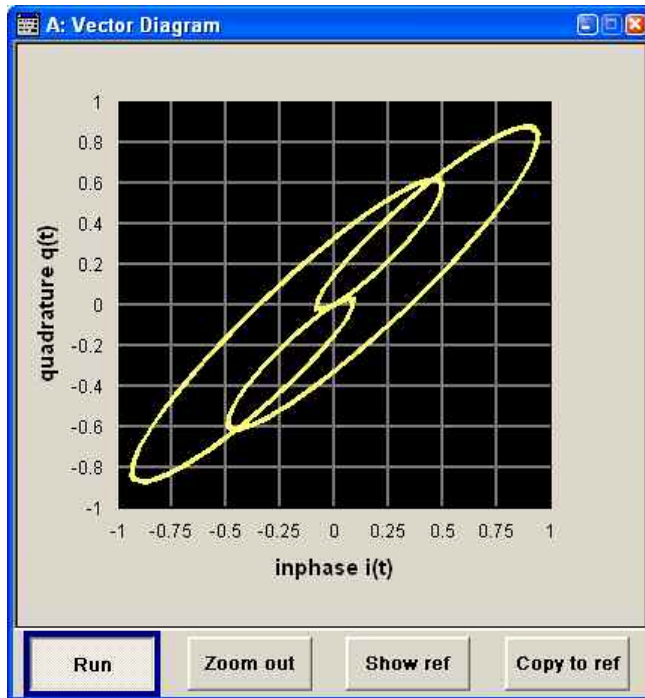


## Vector Diagram - Graphics

The Q component is displayed over the I component in the vector diagram. Each point is determined by a vector. The amplitudes of the signal components scaled to the peak envelope power (PEP) are plotted on the X and Y axis (minimum scaled amplitude = -1; maximum scaled amplitude = +1).

This display shows the curves between the various states of modulation mapping. The recording depth is 1 kSamples.

This signal is picked off at the output of the baseband main module (**Impairment** function block). Impairment of the signal as defined by the user and the addition of noise is contained in the displayed signal.



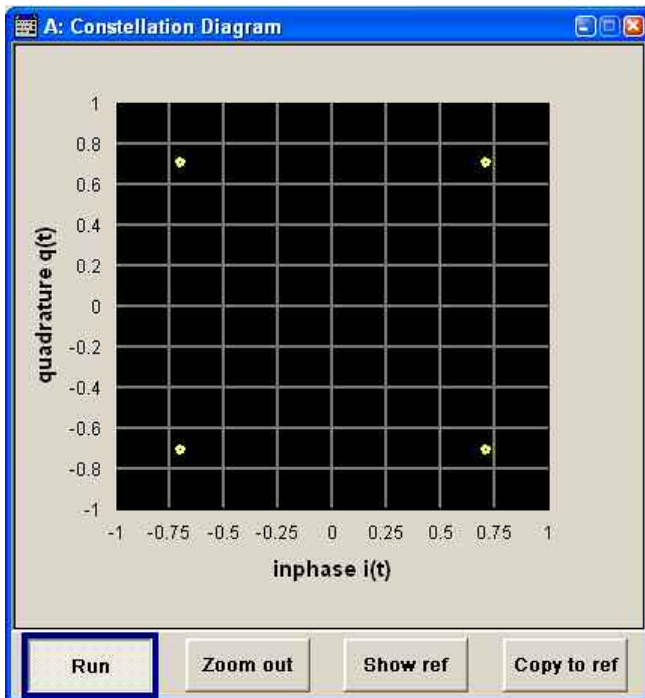
### Constellation Diagram - Graphics

In the constellation diagram, the Q component is also displayed over the I component. However, only the values at the constellation points (signal value at the ideal scanning instant of the symbol) are displayed, i.e. for each symbol only 1 value in the form of a circle is shown for the I and Q component.

The amplitudes of the signal components scaled to the peak envelope power (PEP) are plotted on the X and Y axis (minimum scaled amplitude = -1; maximum scaled amplitude = +1). The recording depth is 2kSamples.

This signal is picked off at the output of the unocoder (**Baseband** function block) upstream of baseband filtering. Impairment of the signal as defined by the user and the addition of noise is not effective in this signal because signal impairment and noise addition occur further down the signal path.

This display shows the various states of modulation mapping which occur in the signal. The example shows the constellation diagram of a QPSK modulation signal.



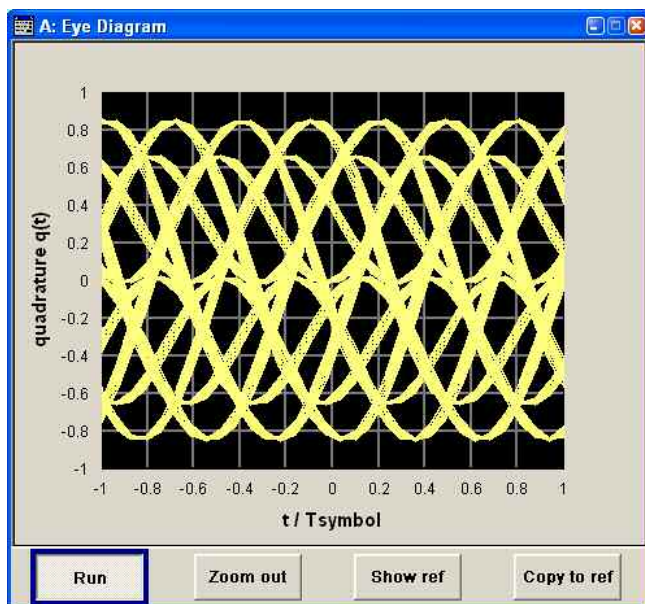
## Eye Diagram - Graphics

The eye diagram displays synchronized and superimposed sections of either the inphase or quadrature components of the signal.

The display width (eye length) is set at 2 symbols; several hundred curve segments are superimposed. The time (in the range  $\pm 1$  symbol) is plotted on the X axis, and the amplitude scaled to the peak envelope power (PEP) is plotted on the Y axis (minimum scaled amplitude = -1; maximum scaled amplitude = +1). The beginning of recording is synchronous to the symbol and chip clock pulse. The recording depth is 2kSamples.

This signal is picked off at the output of the uncoder (**Baseband** function block) downstream of baseband filtering. Impairment of the signal as defined by the user and the addition of noise is not effective in this signal because signal impairment and noise addition occur further down the signal path.

The exactness of the superimpositions and therefore the size of the eye gaps depend on the used filter.



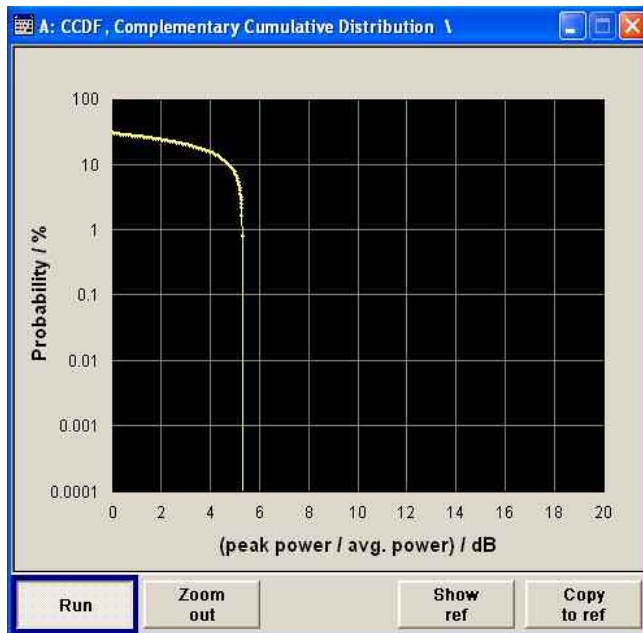
## CCDF Display - Graphics

The **Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function** shows the probability with which the output signal will exceed the average power.

The level over the average power is plotted from 0 to 20 dB on the X axis; the average power (RMS) corresponds to the origin. The probability of exceeding the average power is plotted between 0.0001% and 100% on the Y axis. The recording depth is 8kSamples.

This signal is picked off at the output of the baseband main module (**Impairment** function block). Impairment of the signal as defined by the user and the addition of noise is not effective in this signal because signal impairment and noise addition occur further down the signal path.

The point at which the CCDF curve intersects the X axis gives the crest factor of the signal.



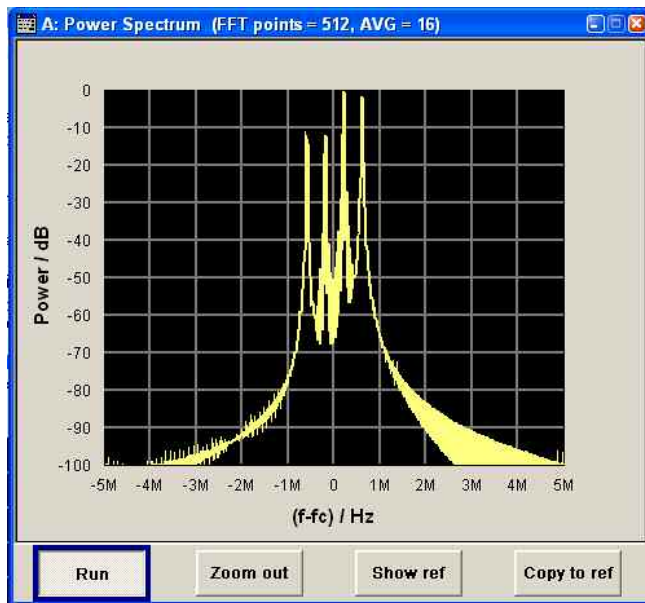
## Power Spectrum - Graphics

With the spectrum display, the signal spectrum is calculated from the I/Q signal by means of Fast Fourier Transform (FFT).

The power density over frequency is displayed. The power density is plotted on the Y axis, and the frequency is plotted symmetrically on the X axis (-sampling rate/2 to +sampling rate/2). FFT Points indicates the number of I/Q value pairs which are used for calculating a (part-)FFT. AVG indicates the number of subspectra used for averaging. The recording depth is 8kSamples.

This signal is picked off at the output of the baseband main module (**Impairment** function block). Impairment of the signal as defined by the user and the addition of noise is contained in the displayed signal.

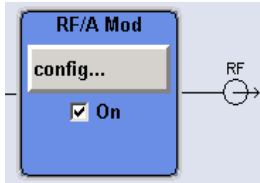
The spectrum display of the output signal is particularly suitable for checking multi carrier signals.



# RF Signal and Analog Mod - A Mod-RF A

## Overview of RF Signal and Analog Modulations

Settings for the RF output signal and analog modulation are made under "RF Signal and Analog Modulations". These settings can be accessed in the block diagram by way of the **RF/A MOD** function block, or by means of the menu with the same name which is opened using the **MENU** key.



The function block is available for the basic unit (R&S SMATE + frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x) without additional equipment options. An additional frequency option (R&S SMATE 20x) is required for a two-path instrument.

For instruments with frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x, it is possible to install the options and/or **High Power** (R&S SMATE-B3x options) separately for both RF paths.

The RF output signal can be activated and deactivated directly using the **TOGGLE ON/OFF** key (CTRL+T), the function block must be highlighted beforehand).

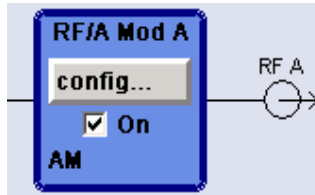
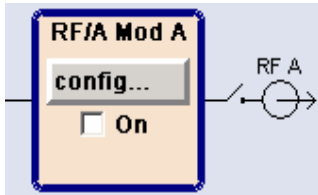
The **RF ON/OFF** key (CTRL+R) can also be used to activate and deactivate the output signal (here, however, the current entry focus is irrelevant). Both RF output signals are always deactivated in the case of two-path instruments. The previous state is restored when the signals are reactivated.

Remote-control commands:

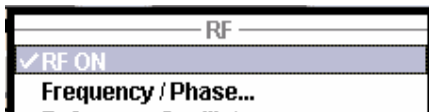
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OUTP:STAT OFF
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OUTP:ALL:STAT OFF
```

The activated and deactivated state is indicated in the block diagram by means of the different block color and the status of the **On** checkbox. The disconnected connection to the output is additionally shown when the output is deactivated. Active analog modulation is also indicated in the block.



The RF output state can also be set in the **Configure** menu of the RF /MOD block.



Remote-control command:

```
OUTP:STAT OFF
```

The CW, Sweep and List modes are available for generating the RF signal.

**CW** The RF signal is generated with the set frequency and level. This is the default mode.

**Sweep** The RF signal is generated as a sweep with the set parameters. It is possible to activate frequency, level and LF sweep simultaneously.

**List Mode** The RF signal is generated on the basis of a list of predefined frequency and level values. The duration of the individual steps can be predefined.

Instruments connected downstream can be taken into consideration when setting the frequency and level by entering a frequency and/or level offset.

Automatic level control ensures maximum level accuracy, even with I/Q modulation.

User-specific lists which contain level correction values for any frequency range (User Correction) can be created to, for example, compensate the cable attenuation in a test assembly setup.

The RF signal can be generated in unmodulated or analog form. An internal LF generator and/or the external modulation input EXT MOD at the rear of the instrument is available as the source for the analog modulations.

An external trigger signal for the analog modulations, the sweeps and the LIST mode can be provided for both paths separately at the two INST TRIG inputs. The BNC connector INST TRIG is assigned to Path A, and the pin INST TRIG B of the AUX I/O interface is assigned to Path B. The input REF IN is used to input an external instrument reference, and the output REF OUT serves as the output of the reference frequency (internal or external).

The RF signals in the case of two-path instruments are generated independently of each other. Both RF paths are, however, synchronized to the same reference frequency (internal or external).



## RF Frequency and Phase - Frequency - Phase

The simplest way to set the RF frequency is to enter it directly in the header of the display.



The entry is activated by pressing the **[FREQ]** key (CTRL+F). In the case of two-path instruments, pressing this key again activates entry of the frequency for Path B. Changes to the frequency have an immediate effect (without confirmation with the Enter key) on the output signal of the respective path.

Remote-control command

SOUR:FREQ 100 MHz

Note:

**The IEC/IEEE-bus command sets the level of the Freq display, i.e. an entered frequency offset is taken into consideration in the frequency value (see below).**

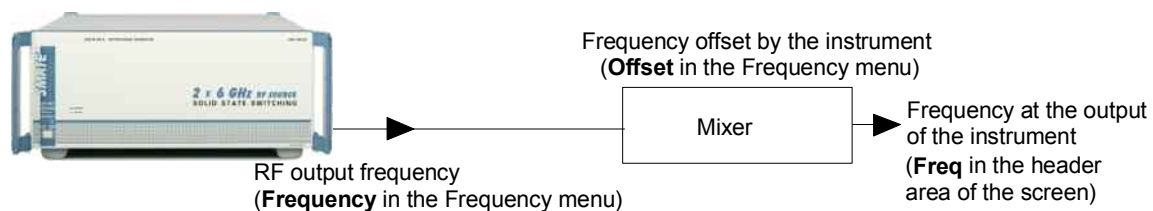
The frequency entered and displayed in the frequency field takes any set frequency offset into consideration, e.g. an offset set for a downstream instrument. This means that with a frequency offset the frequency displayed in the header does not correspond to the frequency at the RF output, but rather to the frequency at the output of the downstream instrument. A set frequency offset is indicated by the **FREQ OFFSET** status message.

This allows the desired frequency at the output of a downstream instrument to be entered in the frequency field. The R&S Vector Signal Generator changes the RF output frequency according to the entered offset.

However, the frequency entered and displayed in the **Frequency/Phase** menu of the **RF/Ana Mod** function block always corresponds to the RF output frequency. Any frequency offset is not taken into consideration.

The correlation is as follows:

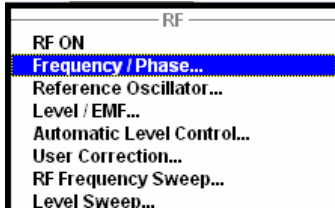
**Freq in header = RF output frequency (= Freq in menu) + Freq offset (= Offset in menu)**



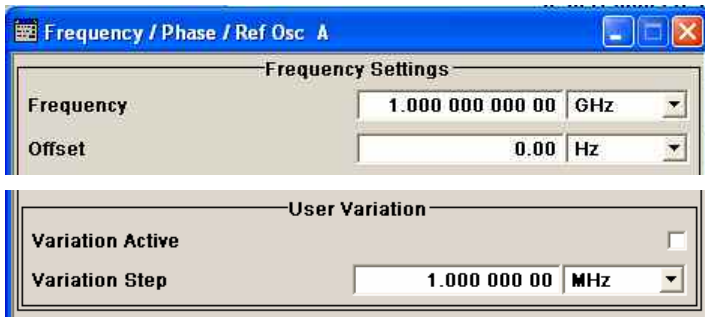
The frequency offset is entered in the **Frequency/Phase** menu. Here it is also possible to set the frequency without taking the offset into consideration, to set the step width for the frequency entry using the rotary knob, and to set the phase for the RF output signal.

## Frequency - Phase Menu

The **Frequency/Phase** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the **MENU** key (CTRL+M) under **RF/A Mod**.

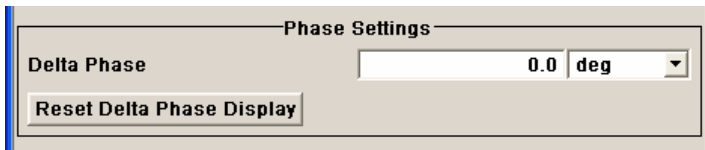


Frequency and phase of the RF output signal are set in the upper part of the group menu. The lower parts concern the settings of the reference oscillator and are described in the section "[RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator](#)", page 4.46.



The frequency and offset are set in the top section of the menu.

The step width which is used when setting the frequency using the rotary knob (with **Variation Active On**) is set in the **User Variation** section.



The phase of the output signal can be changed in the **Phase Settings** section.

The frequency and offset are set in the top section of the menu.

### Frequency - RF Signal

Sets the RF frequency of the RF output connector. The frequency entered and displayed here corresponds to the frequency at the RF output, i.e. any offset entry is not taken into consideration.

Remote-control command: n.a.

*Note:*

***The IEC/IEEE-bus command SOUR:FREQ sets the frequency of the FREQ display, i.e. the frequency containing offset.***

### Frequency Offset - RF Signal

Sets the frequency offset relative to the RF frequency. The frequency offset of a downstream instrument (e.g. a mixer) is entered.

The entry does not change the value of the RF frequency at the RF output. It only changes the RF frequency displayed in the display header. The value of the RF frequency in the header corresponds to the frequency.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:FREQ:OFFS 0 Hz

If the frequency is set using the rotary knob, the step width is defined in the **User Variation** section.

**Variation Step - RF Signal** Sets the user-defined step width. This step width is used when entering the RF frequency using the rotary knob. Frequency variation with this step width must also be activated with **Variation Active**.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:FREQ:STEP 1 MHz
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**Variation Active - RF Signal** Activates the user-defined step width used when varying the frequency value with the rotary knob.

**ON**

The frequency value set with the rotary knob is varied using the user-defined step width which is entered under **Variation Step**.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:FREQ:STEP:MODE USER
```

**OFF**

The frequency value set with the rotary knob is varied in steps of one unit at the cursor position (standard operating mode).

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:FREQ:STEP:MODE DEC
```

The phase of the RF output signal can be changed in the **Phase Settings** section.

**Delta Phase - RF Signal** Sets the phase of the RF signal. The current phase of the signal is used as the reference. This function allows, for example, the phase of the output signal to be synchronized with the phase of a signal from a second signal generator.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:PHAS 10 DEG
```

**Reset Delta Phase Display - RF Signal** Resets delta phase value. The set phase is adopted as the new current phase, i.e. the delta phase value is reset to 0.

Remote-control command:

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SOUR:PHAS:REF
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## RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator

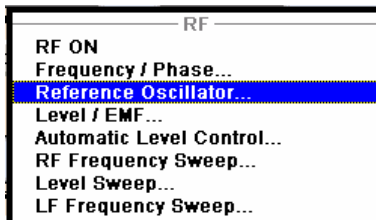
In the internal reference mode the internal reference signal is available at the REF OUT connector (rear of instrument). The frequency of the internal reference signal is permanently set to 10 MHz. The frequency of the internal reference oscillator can be impaired by means of the EXT TUNE input (AUX I/Q connector at rear of instrument) (**Frequency Adjustment**; see data sheet for technical information). External impairment is possible in both **Adjustment State** states (**On** or **Off**).

In the external reference mode an external signal with selectable frequency and defined level must be input at the REF IN connector. This signal is output at the REF OUT connector. The **EXT REF** status message appears in the display header.

The reference frequency setting is effective for both paths.

### Reference Oscillator Menu

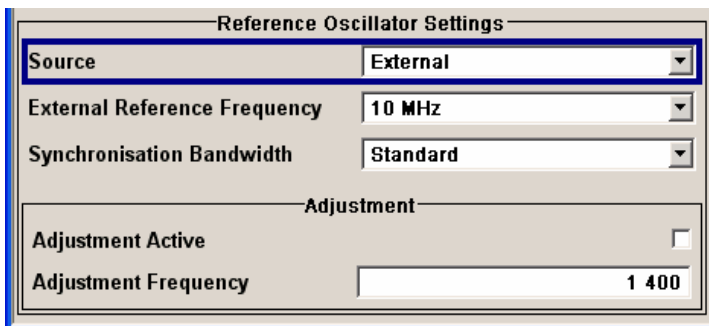
The **Reference Oscillator** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the MENU key under **RF/A Mod**.



The reference oscillator is set in the lower areas of the group menu. The three upper areas are for setting the frequency and phase of the RF output signal; see section "[RF Frequency and Phase - Frequency - Phase](#)", page 4.43.



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The menu is used to select the source, to enter the frequency of an external reference signal and to adjust the reference frequency.

#### Source - Reference Oscillator

Selects the source of the reference frequency.

#### Internal

The internal reference signal of 10 MHz is used.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:ROSC:SOUR INT

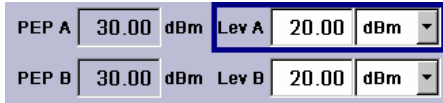
	<b>External</b>	An external reference signal is used. The frequency of the external reference signal must be selected under <b>External Frequency</b> .
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:SOUR EXT
<b>Synchronization Bandwidth - RF Signal</b>		(Source External only) Selects the synchronization bandwidth for an external reference signal. The wideband setting is provided for using very good reference sources of high spectral purity.
	<b>Narrow</b>	Synchronization bandwidth is 1 Hz.
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:EXT:SBAN NARR
	<b>Wide</b>	Synchronization bandwidth is 750 Hz.
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:EXT:SBAN WIDE
<b>External Reference Frequency - RF Signal</b>		Selects the frequency of the external reference signal.
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:EXT:FREQ 13E6
<b>Adjustment State - Reference Oscillator</b>		Selects adjustment mode.
	<b>OFF</b>	The calibrated adjustment value of the internal reference frequency is used. This value is determined at one of the R&S service shops during calibration.
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:INT:ADJ:STAT ON
	<b>ON</b>	A user-defined adjustment value is used. The value is entered under <b>Adjustment DAC Value</b> .
		This allows the frequency to be impaired freely, for example to simulate a frequency error.
		The instrument is no longer in the calibrated state.
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:INT:ADJ:STAT OFF
<b>Adjustment DAC Value - RF Signal</b>		Enters a user-defined adjustment value for the internal reference frequency. This value is not used unless <b>Adjustment Active On</b> is selected.
		Remote-control command: SOUR:ROSC:INT:ADJ:VAL 1400

## RF Level - Level - EMF

### Note:

**The message Level overrange/underrange appears in the status line if the set level (Level) or the displayed peak envelope power (PEP) (Digital Modulation or Digital Standard) is in the overrange (see data sheet). The correct level setting cannot be guaranteed for the entire frequency range if the set level is in the overrange/underrange.**

The simplest way to set the RF level is to enter it directly in the header of the display.



The entry is activated by pressing the **LEVEL** key (CTRL+L). In the case of two-path instruments, pressing this key again activates entry of the level for Path B. Changes to the level have an immediate effect (without confirmation with the Enter key) on the output signal of the respective path.

### Remote-control command:

SOUR:POW:LEV:IMM:AMPL -30 dBm

### Note:

**The IEC/IEEE-bus command sets the level of the Level display, i.e. an entered level offset is taken into consideration in the level value (see below).**

The center line (**Level**) and, to the left of this, the peak envelope power (**PEP**) of the modulated RF output signal is displayed in the case of digital modulation or digital standard.

A two-line display appears in the case of two-path instruments. The frequency and level of Path A are shown in the top line, and the frequency and level of Path B in the bottom line.

dBm, dBμV, mV and μV can be used as the level units. The 4 unit keys are labeled with these units.

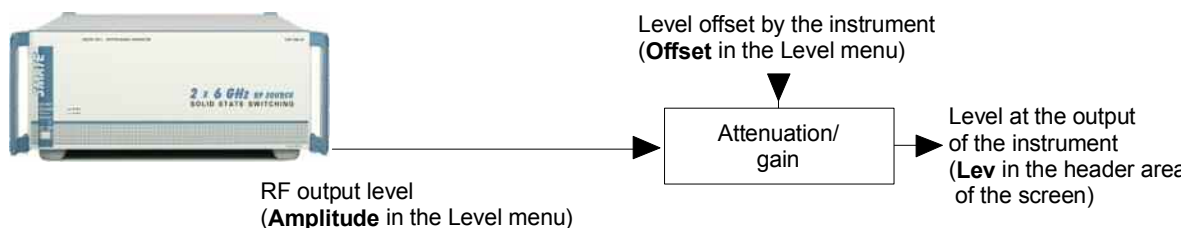
The level entered and displayed in the Level field takes the offset of any downstream attenuators/amplifiers into consideration by way of calculation. This means that with a level offset the level displayed in the header does not correspond to the level at the RF output, but rather to the level at the output of the downstream instrument.

This allows the desired level at the output of downstream instruments to be entered. The R&S Vector Signal Generator changes the RF output level according to the set offset.

However, the level entered and displayed in the **Level** menu of the **RF/Ana Mod** function block always corresponds to the RF output level. Any level offset is not taken into consideration.

The correlation is as follows:

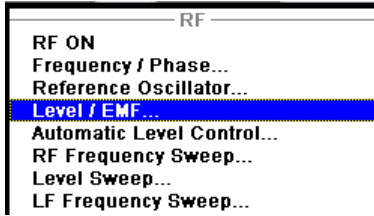
**Level in header = RF output level (= Level in menu) + Level offset**



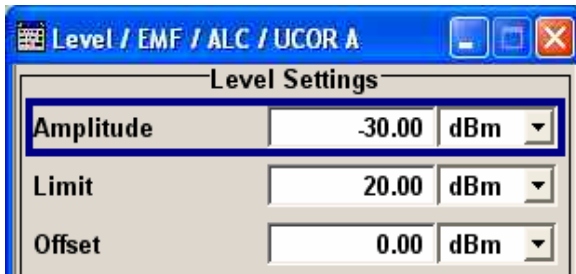
The level offset is entered in the **Level** menu. Here it is also possible to set the level without taking the offset into consideration, and to make other settings, such as level offset, attenuator mode, power-on state.

## Level - EMF Menu

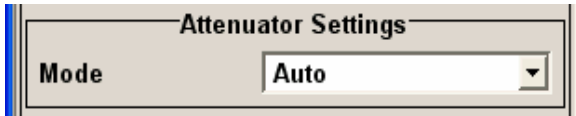
The **RF Level - EMF** menu is opened either in the **RF/Ana Mod** function block or using the **MENU** key (CTRL+M) under **RF/Ana Mod**.



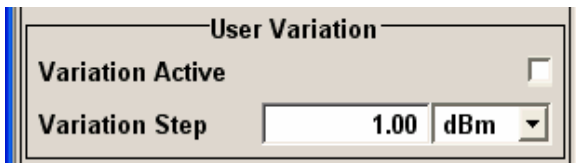
The top sections of the combined menu **Level / EMF / ALC /UCOR** provide access to the level and attenuator settings. The lower sections provide access to the automatic level control settings, see section "[Automatic Level Control - ALC](#)", page 4.53. and to function User Correction, see section "[User Correction](#)", page 4.59.



The offset-free level, attenuation mode, level offset and level limit are set in the top section of the menu.



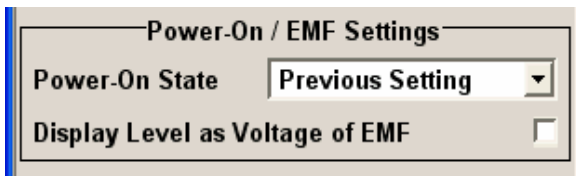
The attenuator is set in the **Attenuator Settings** section.



The step width which is used when setting the level using the rotary knob (with **Variation Active On**) is set in the **User Variation** section.



The hardware control lines on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument are activated in the **Miscellaneous** section.



The power-on behavior of the R&S Vector Signal Generator and the level display in the display header are set in the **Power-On / EMF Settings** section.

The offset-free level, attenuation mode, level offset and level limit are set in the top section of the menu.

**Amplitude - RF Signal**

Sets the RF level of the RF output connector.

The level entered and displayed here corresponds to the level at the RF output, i.e. any offset entry is not taken into consideration.

Remote-control command: n.a.

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*Note:*

***The IEC/IEEE-bus command SOUR:POW:LEV:IMM:AMPL sets the level of the Level display, i.e. the level containing offset.***

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**Limit - RF Signal**

Sets the level limit.

The value specifies the upper limit of the level at the RF output connector. A message appears if an attempt is made to set a level above this limit and the level at the RF output is confined to the upper limit. However, the level indication is not influenced.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:POW:LIM:AMPL 30 dBm

**Offset - RF Signal**

Sets the level offset relative to the RF level.

The level offset of a downstream instrument (e.g. an attenuator or amplifier) is entered.

The entry does not change the value of the RF level at the RF output. It only changes the RF level displayed in the display header. The value of the RF level in the header corresponds to the level at the output of the downstream instrument.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:POW:LEV:IMM:OFFS 0

The attenuator mode is set in the **Attenuator Settings** section.

**Attenuator Mode - RF Signal**

Sets the attenuator mode at the RF output.

The selection of Normal and High Power is only available when the instrument is equipped with the high-power output option (R&S SMATE-B31 or R&S SMATE-B36).

**Auto**

Standard mode. The electronically switching attenuator switches with a 5 dB step width at fixed switching points.

**With high-power output option:**

The entire level range is available. The level settings are made in the area of the electronically switching attenuator as well as the relay-switched option (longer switchover time, wear).

Remote-control command:

OUTP:AMOD AUTO



**Fixed**

The level settings are made without switching the attenuator and the high-power output option. When this operating mode is switched on, the attenuator and the option are fixed in their current positions and the resulting variation range is defined. The range is displayed under **Attenuator Fixed Range**.

If automatic level control is activated (**ALC State = On**), the level settings are made without interruption.

If the normal variation range is overranged or underranged, level errors increase considerably and the warning **Level under/overrange** appears in the info line. The spectral purity of the output signal decreases with high attenuation.

Remote-control command:

OUTP:AMOD FIX

**Fixed Range (PEP)**

Displays the level range in which the level is set without interruption for the "**Attenuator Mode fixed**" setting.

Remote-control commands:

OUTP:AFIX:RANG:UPP?

OUTP:AFIX:RANG:LOW?

If the level is set using the rotary knob, the step width is defined in the **User Variation** section.

**Variation Active - RF Level**

Activates the user-defined step width used when varying the level value with the rotary knob.

**ON**

The level value set with the rotary knob is varied using the user-defined step width which is entered under **Variation Step**.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:POW:STEP:MODE USER

**OFF**

The level value set with the rotary knob is varied in steps of one unit at the cursor position (standard operating mode).

Remote-control command:

SOUR:POW:STEP:MODE DEC

**Variation Step - RF Level**

Sets the user-defined step width for entering the RF level using the rotary knob. Level variation with this step width must also be activated with **Variation Active**.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:POW:STEP:INCR 1dBm

The hardware control lines on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument are activated in the **Miscellaneous** section.

**RF/MOD On/Off Connector  
- RF Level**

Activates hardware control lines RF OFF and MOD OFF on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument.

The R&S SMATE provides hardware control lines on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument. They can be used for fast access to several instrument functions:

Outputs OPC A/B (pin 39 and 42) are always active. Active High (1) indicates that all remote control commands of the respective path are executed.

Inputs RF OFF A/B (pin 40 and 43) provide fast switching of the RF Output (10  $\mu$ s). They must be activated prior to use. For the control signals to take effect, the RF Output must be switched on when the inputs are activated.

Active High (1) switches the RF Output off. A subsequent Active Low (0) switches the RF Output on again.

The attenuation of the switched off output is considerably less than after regular switch-off, because the connection between the RF output and attenuator is not interrupted.

Inputs MOD OFF A/B (pin 41 and 44) provide fast switching of the I/Q Modulator (10  $\mu$ s). They must be activated prior to use. For the control signals to take effect, the modulations must be switched on when the inputs are activated.

Active High (1) switches the modulations off. A subsequent Active Low (0) switches the modulations on again.

The control signal has no effect on the status of the digital modulations in the baseband block or of the analog modulation of the RF block. An exception is broadband amplitude modulation which uses the I/Q modulator.

Remote-control command:  
:SOUR:INP:CONT:RFM ON

The power-on behavior of the R&S Vector Signal Generator and the level display in the display header are set in the **Power-On /EMF Settings** section.

**Power-On State - RF Signal** Selects the state which the RF output is to assume after the instrument is switched on.

**RF Off** The output is deactivated when the instrument is switched on.

Remote-control command:  
OUTP:PON OFF

**Previous Setting** When the instrument is switched on, the output assumes the same state as it had when the instrument was switched off.

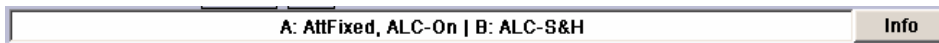
Remote-control command:  
OUTP:PON ON

**Display Level as Voltage of EMF - RF Level** Activates display of the signal level as voltage of the EMF (no-load voltage). If this setting is deactivated, the level is displayed as a voltage with 50 Ω (presetting).  
Remote-control command: n.a.

## Automatic Level Control - ALC

Automatic level control (**Automatic Level Control**) can be used with almost all applications, especially I/Q modulation and amplitude modulation. It only has to be deactivated for certain settings in the baseband and when I/Q impairments (**Impairments State On**) are activated. This is indicated under the respective function.

The level control status is permanently displayed as a status message in the info line.



The standard operating status is level control **On**. This provides the highest level accuracy. The preset is **Auto**. In this mode the level control is automatically adapted to the operating conditions.

Level control can be switched to **Sample&Hold** or **On** for particular applications. The **Sample&Hold** state (level control Off) is recommended if in CW mode the signal/intermodulation ratio is to be improved for multi-transmitter measurements.

If **Sample&Hold** is selected, the level is recalibrated for every level and frequency setting. For this purpose, level control is activated briefly at a defined signal, the level adjuster is then held at the attained value and level control is activated.

If **On** and **Attenuator Mode Fixed** is selected, the level is recalibrated for every level and frequency setting. For this purpose, level control is activated briefly at a defined signal, the level adjuster is then held at the attained value and level control is activated the uninterrupted level settings are made.

## Automatic Level Control Menu

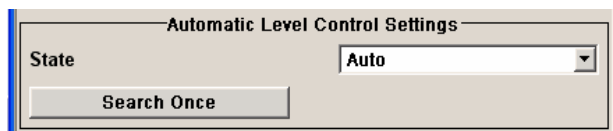
The **Automatic Level Control** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the **MENU** key under **RF/A Mod**.



The combined menu **Level / EMF / ALC /UCOR** provides access to the automatic level control settings in the lower section. The top sections provide access to the level and attenuator settings, see section "**RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator**", page 4.46, the bottom section to function **User Correction**, see section "**User Correction**", page 4.59.



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This menu is used to activate level control.

**State - ALC**

Activates/deactivates internal level control.

**(OFF) Sample & Hold**

Internal level control is deactivated.

Remote-control command:

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SOUR:POW:ALC OFF
SOUR:POW:ALC:OMOD SHOL
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**Auto**

Default state. Level control is automatically adapted to the operating states.

Remote-control command:

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SOUR:POW:ALC AUTO
```

**On**

Internal level control is permanently activated.

Remote-control command:

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SOUR:POW:ALC ON
```

**Search Once - ALC**

Manually activates level control briefly to allow the level to be calibrated (the **Sample&Hold** setting must be selected).

Remote-control command:

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SOUR:POW:ALC:SONC
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**Protect RF Output - ALC**

Fulfilling the following prerequisites, the signal is attenuated for about 40 dB to protect external devices against internal signals:

- ALC state is On or AUTO
- High-Power Mode is Off
- I/Q Modulator is On
- Baseband is armed

Remote-control command:

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OUT:PROT:STAT ON
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# Power Sensors

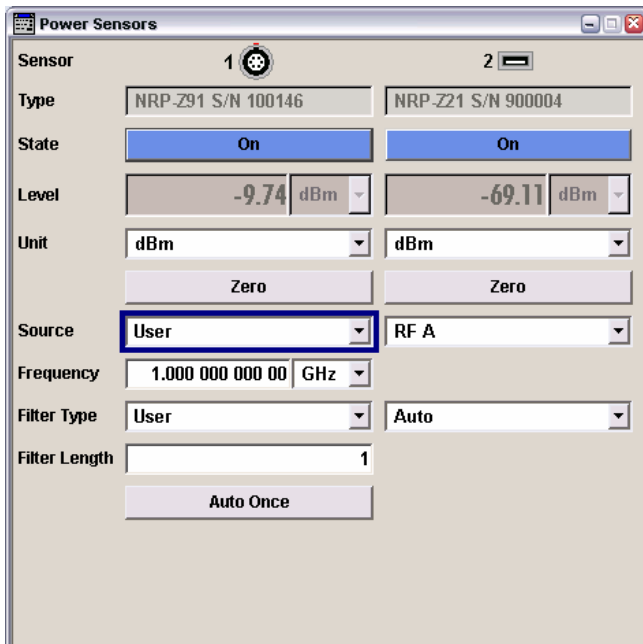
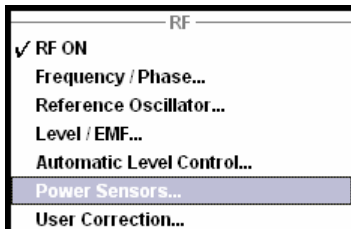
Up to three R&S NRP Power Sensors can be connected to the generator. The SENSOR connector for the first R&S NRP Power Sensor is on the front panel, a second and third R&S NRP Power Sensor can be connected via the USB interfaces (front and rear panel, requires USB adapter R&S NRP-Z3 or R&S NRP-Z4). The connected R&S NRP Power Sensors are automatically detected and indicated in the **Power Sensors** menu.

The average signal power is continuously measured by the R&S NRP Power Sensor(s) and indicated in the Power Sensors menu (**Power Viewer**). The output signals of the two RF signal paths or any freely selectable source can be measured.

The R&S NRP Power Sensor can be used to acquire level correction data used to create and activate lists in which level correction values predefined by the user are freely assigned to RF frequencies. Correction is performed by the user-defined table values being added to the output level for the respective RF frequency (see [User Correction](#), on page 4.59).

## Power Sensors Menu

The **Power Sensor** menu is opened either in the **RF/A(B) Mod A(B)** function block or using the **[MENU]** key under **RF/A(B) Mod A(B)**. The menu is structured like a table showing the values for sensor 1 in the left "column" and the values of the second/third sensor in the middle/right "column". Only the detected sensors are indicated, i.e. if only one sensor is connected only one column is indicated. The sensor connected to the SENSOR port is always indicated as sensor 1, and the sensors connected to the USB interface are always indicated as sensor 2 and 3.



<b>Sensor - Power Sensors</b>	<p>Indicates the connector used for the detected sensors. The values listed below belong to the respective sensor.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SENS:STAT?</p> <p>Response. 1</p> <p>The sensor is selected by suffix <b>1</b>, <b>2</b> or <b>3</b> in key word SENSE or READ of the command header. Suffix 1 denotes the sensor connected to the SENSOR connector, suffix 2 the sensor connected first to one of the USB interfaces and suffix 3 the sensor connected second to one of the USB interfaces.</p>
<b>Type - Power Sensors</b>	<p>Indicates the type of the connected R&amp;S NRP Power Sensor. The sensor type is automatically detected.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SENS:POW:TYPE?</p>
<b>State - Power Sensors</b>	<p>Activates/deactivates level measurement by the power sensor.</p> <p>To read the power sensor values from remote, the sensor is to be set up by using SENS commands. Then the measurement is triggered for reading the values.</p> <p>Remote-control commands: SENS1:POW:FILT:TYPE USER SENS1:POW:FILT:LENG 256 READ1?</p>
<b>Level - Power Sensors</b>	<p>Indicates the measured level value with the selected unit.</p> <p>Remote-control command: READ:POW?</p>
<b>Unit - Power Sensors</b>	<p>Selects the unit used for result display.</p> <p>The power sensor provides the measured value in Watt.</p> <p>In which unit the measured value is indicated is selected here and might be either Watt, dBm or dBuV.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SENS:UNIT:POW DBM</p>
<b>Zero - Power Sensors</b>	<p>Activates the autozero function.</p> <p>Zeroing is required in regular interval (e.g. once a day), if the temperature has varied more than about 5 °C, if the sensor has been replaced or if measurements of signals with very low power are to be performed.</p> <p>The sensor must be disconnected from all power sources before starting the autozero function.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SENS:POW:ZERO</p>

**Source - Power Sensors** Selects the RF path for measurement. The sensor is set to the frequency of the selected path.

If two sensors are connected, both sensor can be allocated the same path, e.g. for measurements before and after the DUT.

In addition, setting **User** can be selected for measurements of any freely selectable source. The frequency is entered manually under frequency (e.g. for measurement of amplifier gain with 2 sensors).

Remote-control command:  
SENS:POW:SOUR USER

**Frequency - Power Sensors** **Source User** only

Enters the frequency for measurement source User.

Remote-control command:  
SENS:POW:FREQ 2.5MHz

**Filter Type - Power Sensors** Selects the filter length used for measurement. The averaging filter is used to reduce fluctuations in the measured result to the extent desired. Such fluctuations can be caused by inherent noise of the measuring instrument, modulation of the measurement signal or beats from the superposition of adjacent carriers. A more stable display has to be traded off against longer measurements. The measurement result is obtained from a two-stage averaging process.

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*Note:*

***Longer measurements does not mean that it takes longer to display a new result, but rather that it takes longer for the result to settle when the power changes.***

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Measurements are continuously repeated in a predefined time window. The measurement result is obtained by averaging the measured values for the last 2N time windows. The number N is the filter length, the factor of 2 arises because the output signals from the microwave detector to suppress low-frequency noise are chopped at the same rate as the time windows, which means that an independent measured value can only be obtained from two consecutive values. As the filter length is the multiplier for the time window it directly influences the measurement time.

The filter length can be selected automatically or can be manually set to a fixed value. As a preliminary, you should always check if the auto mode is giving satisfactory results because you will always have to adjust an optimal, manual filter-length setting if the power is not constant.

<b>Auto</b>	<p>The filter length is automatically selected and adapted to the currently measured value. With very high signals the filter length and therefore the measurement time can be short. With very low signal levels the filter length and therefore the measurement time is increased in order to reduce noise.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SENS:POW:FILT:TYPE AUTO</p>
<b>User</b>	<p>The filter length is set manually.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SENS:POW:FILT:TYPE USER</p>

**Filter Length - Power Sensors****Filter User only**

Sets the filter length manually. As the filter length works as a multiplier for the time window, this results in a constant measurement time. Values 1 and 2<sup>n</sup> are settable.

*Note:*

***The time window varies in manual control, it is fixed to 20 ms in remote control.***

Remote-control command:  
SENS:POW:FILT:LENG 16

**Auto Once - Power Sensors**

Activates the search for the optimum filter length for the current measurement conditions. The found filter length is indicated in the **Filter Length** field above.

Remote-control command:  
SENS:POW:FILT:SONC



## User Correction

The "User Correction" function is used to create and activate lists in which level correction values predefined by the user are freely assigned to RF frequencies. Correction is performed by the user-defined table values being added to the output level for the respective RF frequency.

With frequencies which are not contained in the list, the level correction is determined by interpolation of the closest correction values.

The lists are created in the List Editor. Each list is stored in its own file with the predefined file extension \*.uco. The name of the User Correction file can be freely selected. The files are loaded from the **Lists...** file manager. Externally created tables with pairs of frequency and level values can be converted into User Correction files using the import function. The external files must have the file extension \*.txt or \*.csv. These file formats are provided e.g. by the Microsoft Excel program. The separators for table columns and for decimal floating-point numerals can be set. In addition, internally created User Correction data can be exported into ASCII files using the export function.

The amplitude can also be linearized automatically by means of a R&S NRP Power Sensor connected to one of the generator output signals. With the aid of the **Fill with Sensor** function, a table with correction values for external test assemblies can be automatically determined, e.g. for compensating the frequency response of cables. The User Correction list with the correction values acquired by the sensor is generated in the **Edit User Correction List** menu. The correction values can be acquired any time irrespective of the modulation settings of the generator.

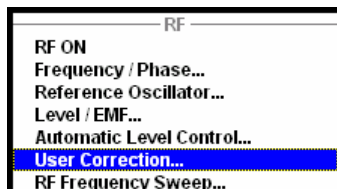
If user correction is activated, the **UCOR** display (User Correction) is shown in the header together with the **Level** display. The RF output level is the sum of both values.

**Level + UCOR = Output level**

If activated, user correction is effective in all operating modes.

## User Correction Menu

The **User Correction** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the **[MENU]** key under **RF/A Mod**.



The combined menu Level / EMF / ALC /UCOR provides access to the automatic level control settings in the bottom section. The top sections provide access to the level and attenuator settings, see section "RF Reference Frequency - Reference Oscillator", page 4.46, and to the automatic level control settings, see section "Automatic Level Control - ALC", page 4.53.

The menu is used to activate/deactivate user correction, and to create, select and activate the lists.





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**State - User Correction**

Activates/deactivates user correction.

The **UCOR** status message appears in the frequency and level display.

Remote-control command :  
SOUR:CORR:STAT ON

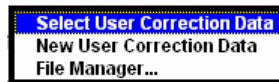
**Value - User Correction**

Indicates the current value for level correction.

Remote-control command :  
SOUR:CORR:VAL?

**User Correction Data - User Correction**

Calls the **File Select** menu for selecting and creating a list or the **File Manager**.



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:CORR:CSET:CAT?

Response:  
'Ucor1', 'Ucor2'

SOUR:CORR:CSET:SEL 'Ucor1'

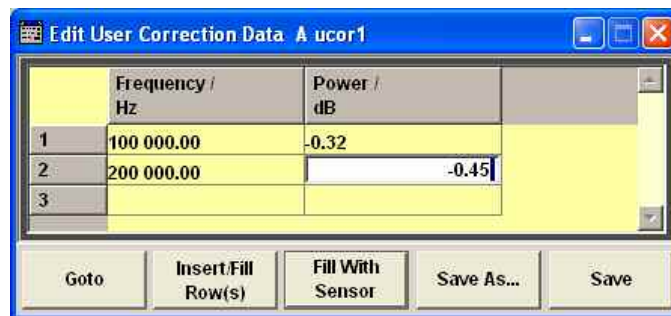
SOUR:CORR:CSET:DEL 'Ucor2'

**Edit User Correction Data - User Correction**

Calls the editor for editing the selected user correction list. A list consists of any number of frequency/level value pairs. The currently selected list is displayed.

*Important:*

**Save list only after filling both columns (frequency and level), otherwise the entries are lost.**



**Frequency /Hz** Enters the frequency to which the level correction value applies.

*Note:*

**Using the Fill With Sensor function requires only entry of the frequency values. The level values are automatically acquired by the connected power sensor.**

Remote-control command:

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SOUR:CORR:CSET:SEL 'Ucor1'
SOUR:CORR:CSET:DATA:FREQ 100MHz,...
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**Power /dB** Enters the level correction value to which the specified frequency applies. The values can be entered manually or automatically with the **Fill With Sensor** function.

Remote-control command:

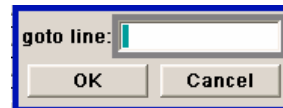
```
SOUR:CORR:CSET:SEL 'Ucor1'
SOUR:CORR:CSET:DATA:POW 1dB,0.8dB,...
```

### **Goto**

Selects row for editing.



If Goto row is selected, a window opens for entering the requested row.



Remote-control command: n.a.

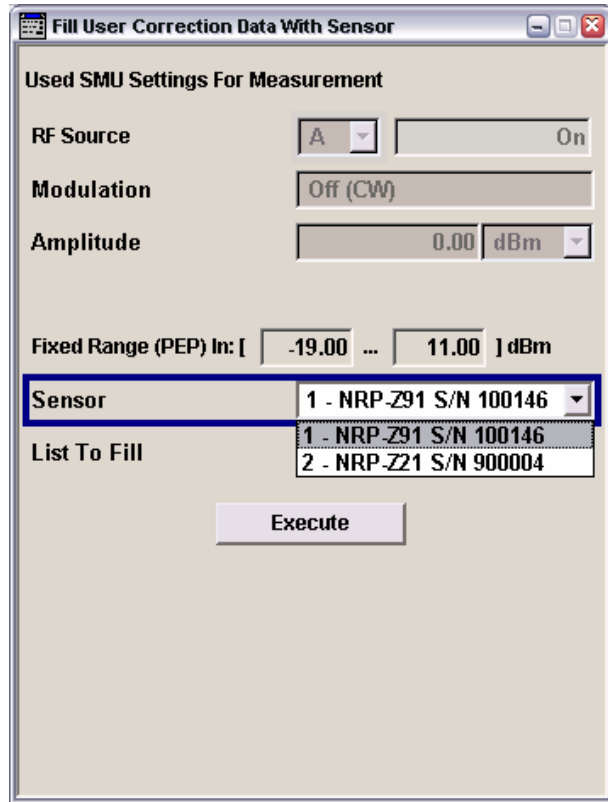
(it is not possible to change individual positions of the list)

### **Fill With Sensor**

Calls the menu to activate the filling of the user correction list with level values acquired by the selected power sensor. All level correction values for the given frequency values in the left column are entered in the selected list. The list is automatically stored and recalled again after filling.

The menu indicates the relevant generator settings. The RF source (RF A or RF B) is defined by the path for which the correction menu settings are made. Only the sensor can be selected in the **Sensor** field of the menu.

The **Execute** button is only enabled if a sensor is detected and the user correction list contains at least one frequency value.



Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:CORR:CSET:DATA:SENS1:POW:SONC`  
 (the power sensor used is selected by the suffix in key word SENSE of the command header. Suffix 1 denotes the sensor connected to the SENSOR connector, suffix 2 the sensor connected first to one of the USB interfaces and suffix 3 the sensor connected second to one of the USB interfaces.)

**Insert Row(s)**

Insert a new row before the marked row.

Remote-control command: n.a .

**Save as**

Open the file menu to save the list under a new name.

*Important:*

**Save list only after filling both columns (frequency and level), otherwise the entries are lost.**

Each list is saved to the R&S Vector Signal Generator hard disk as a separate file with the file prefix \*.uco. The file name and the directory to which the file is saved are user-selectable.

Remote-control command: -

The list is saved under its current name.

Remote-control command: -

(the list is automatically saved after the values have been entered)

**Save**

User correction list can be imported from externally created files or exported into text or CSV-files. The import/export settings are available after clicking the **Import/Export** button.

### Import/Export - User Correction

Expands the menu with the area for import and export of user correction files.

Externally edited Excel tables with frequency/level pairs can be imported as text or CSV-files and used for user correction.

On the other hand, internally created user correction list can be exported as text or CSV-files.

### Mode - User Correction

Selects if user correction lists should be imported or exported. The settings offered depend on the selected mode.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:MODE IMP
```

### Extension - User Correction

Selects the file extension of the ASCII file to be imported or exported. Selection TXT (text file) or CSV (Excel file) is available.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:AFIL:EXT TXT
```

### Decimal Point - User Correction

Selects the decimal separator used in the ASCII data between '.' (decimal point) and ',' (comma) with floating-point numerals.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:DEC DOT
```

### Column Separator- User Correction

Selects the separator between the frequency and level column of the ASCII table the user correction list is exported to or imported from.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:COL TAB
```

### Select ASCII Source / Destination - User Correction

Calls the **File Manager** for selecting the ASCII file to be imported into a user correction list (source) or the ASCII file the user correction list is exported (destination) in.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL "C:/user/ucor/list1.txt"
```

**Destination / Source - User Correction** Calls the **File Manager** for selecting the user correction list to be exported (source) into an ASCII file or the destination for the ASCII file to be imported (destination) in.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:SEL "C:/user/ucor/list1.txt"
```

**Import / Export - User Correction**

Starts the export or import of the selected file.

When import is selected, the ASCII file is imported as user correction list.

When export is selected, the user correction list is exported into the selected ASCII file.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:CORR:DEXC:EXEC
```

## List Mode - List

Similar to a sweep, a series of previously defined frequency and level points is processed in List mode. In contrast to a sweep, however, a list with freely selectable value pairs (frequency and level) can be created. The value range for frequency and level covers the entire configurable value range of the instrument.

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*Note:*

***List mode and sweeps can not be activated simultaneously, they deactivate each other.***

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The lists can be created in the List Editor. Each list is stored in its own file with the predefined file extension \*. **lsw**. The name of the List file can be freely selected. The files are loaded from the **Lists...** file manager. Externally created tables with pairs of frequency and level values can be converted into List files using the import function. The external files must have the file extension \*.txt or \*.csv. These file formats are provided e.g. by the Microsoft Excel program. The separators for table columns and for decimal floating-point numerals can be set. In addition, internally created List data can be exported into ASCII files using the export function.

The necessary hardware settings are calculated the first time a list is processed. With long dwell times, this calculation can be performed while the list is being processed; the entered dwell times are observed. With very short dwell times, calculation of the hardware settings increases the dwell time for the initial processing cycle; the entered value is only observed from the second processing cycle onwards. In this case a message appears to inform the user that there is a deviation between the current and set dwell times. No further calculations are required after the first run through a list. The current dwell times will definitely no longer deviate from the set dwell times.

The list is either processed from the beginning to the end of the list (modes **Auto**, **(External) Single**, **(External) Step**) or by hopping from one freely selectable list index (frequency/level pair) to the next (modes **Fast Hop**, **Fast Hop Direct**).

The Fast Hop control signals (clock, strobe and data) are supplied via the serial FHOP bus on the **Digital I/O** interface at the rear of the instrument. Data transmission starts with the MSB (most significant bit). A strobe marks the LSB (least significant bit) and thus the end of a valid data sequence (40 bits). The data bits determine the RF path, the Fast Hop mode (direct or not) and the processed list index.

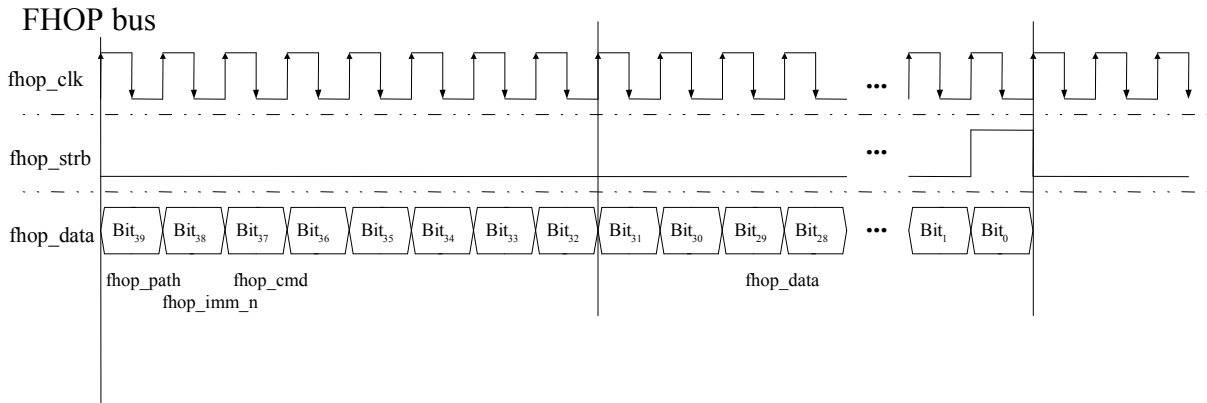


Fig. 4-1 Input control signals for List Modes Fast Hop and Fast Hop Direct on the serial FHOP bus of the Digital I/O interface

Table 4-1 Function of data bits of FHOP bus (fhop\_data line, see following figure) and their function for controlling fast frequency hopping

Data bit name (bit number)	Function
path (39)	Selects RF Path A; 0 = RF Path A; 1 = RF Path B
imm_n (38)	Selects Fast Hop mode: 0 = Fast Hop Direct (the selected settings are performed at once after data transfer of a complete sequence (40 bits) without additional triggering) 1 = Fast Hop (the selected settings are performed after an instrument trigger)
cmd (37 to 32)	Selects function for fast hop mode. Bit 32 must be set to 1 (= List Mode) Bit 37 to 33 must be set to 0 (= reserved for future extensions)
data (31 to 0)	Data bits Determine the list index (frequency/level setting) to be processed for List Mode

**Example:**

The bit sequence 0100-0010-0000-0000-0000-0000-0000-0000-1010 on data line **fhop\_data** selects the list index 10 of the currently loaded list on Path A. The frequency and level setting associated with this index are performed after the next instrument trigger.

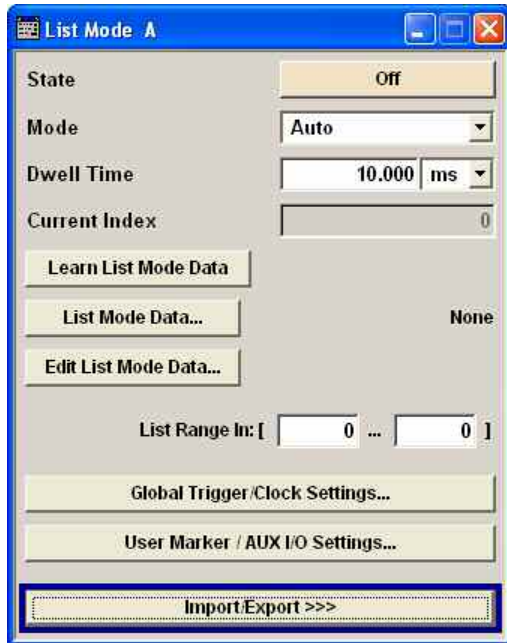
**Preconditions:**

List Mode **Fast Hop** is selected in the LIST menu and a list with at least 10 entries is loaded. An external trigger is provided on pin **INST TRIG A** of interface Digital I/O.

The **List Mode** menu is opened either in the **RF/Ana Mod** function block or using the **[MENU]** key (CTRL+M) under **RF/Ana Mod**.



The menu is used to activate/deactivate operating mode List, to create, select and activate the lists, and to select the trigger mode and the dwell time.



#### State - List Mode

Activates/deactivates the List mode. The currently selected list is processed.

In case of a new or modified list, the necessary hardware settings are automatically determined on activation of the list mode. The data determined in this way is stored along with the list and is available whenever the list is used again.

This means that when activating the list mode, the system checks whether any hardware settings are present. If so, the list is started immediately, but if not they are automatically determined (the list is learnt).

A **Learn List Mode Data** button is available for deliberately activating list learning.

*Note:*

**Activating the list mode automatically deactivates all sweeps.**

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST
```

#### Attenuator Mode – List Mode with High Power Option

Sets the ranges of level settings for the list mode. The level settings are either performed in the low level or in the high level ranges.

Parameter **Attenuator Mode** is only available when the instrument is equipped with the high-power output option (R&S SMATE-B31 or R&S SMATE-B36).

*Note:*

**An error message is generated and the best possible level is set if the list contains level values outside the selected range.**



**Normal** The level settings are made in the area of the electronically switching attenuator. The high level ranges are not available.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IST:POW:AMOD NORM

**High Power** The level settings are made in the area of the option. Only the high level range is available.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:LIST:POW:AMOD HPOW

### Mode - List Mode

Selects the cycle mode of the List mode.

**Auto** Cycle from the beginning to the end of the list with automatic restart at the beginning. If a different mode was activated prior to the Auto mode, the cycle continues from the beginning of the list. The duration of a list step is determined by the set dwell time.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  
SOUR:LIST:MODE AUTO  
SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR AUTO

**Single** Single cycle from the beginning to the end of the list. If **Single** is selected, the cycle is not started immediately. The **Execute Single** button appears under the **Mode** line. The cycle is started with this button. The duration of a list step is determined by the set dwell time.



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  
SOUR:LIST:MODE AUTO  
SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR SING  
SOUR:LIST:TRIG:EXEC

**Step** Manual, step-by-step processing of the list. Activating **Step** stops the current list and the cursor moves to the value displayed for **Current Index**. It is now possible to scroll up and down in the list in discrete steps by varying the index. The duration of a list step is determined by the time between two index entries.



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  
SOUR:LIST:MODE STEP  
SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR SING

<b>Extern Single</b>	<p>Single cycle from the beginning to the end of the list as with <b>Single</b>, but started by an external trigger.</p> <p>The external trigger signal is input at the rear of the instrument. The BNC connector INST TRIG is provided for Path A, and the pin INST TRIG B on the AUX I/O interface for Path B.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  SOUR:LIST:MODE AUTO  SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR EXT</p>
<b>Extern Step</b>	<p>Step-by-step cycle using the external trigger signal. Each trigger event starts a single step. The duration of a list step is determined by the time between two trigger events.</p> <p>The external trigger signal is input at the rear of the instrument. The BNC connector INST TRIG is provided for Path A, and the pin INST TRIG B on the AUX I/O interface for Path B.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  SOUR:LIST:MODE STEP  SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR EXT</p>
<b>Fast Hop</b>	<p>Index-by-index cycle. The processed list index is determined by the external control signals provided via the serial FHOP bus on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument (see above, introduction to list mode).</p> <p>The external trigger signal is used. Each trigger event starts the processing of the frequency and level settings associated with selected index (trigger source as described under <b>Extern Single</b>). The duration of a list step is determined by the time between two trigger events. Note that the fhop_imm_n bit has to be disabled on the fhop_data line (= 1, see above, introduction to list mode).</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  SOUR:LIST:MODE HOP  SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR EXT</p>

<b>Fast Hop Direct</b>	<p>Index-by-index cycle. The processed list index is determined by the external control signals provided via the serial FHOP bus on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument.</p> <p>Processing of the frequency and level settings associated with selected index is automatically started at the end of data transmission. Note that the fhop_imm_n bit has to be enabled on the fhop_data line (= 0, see above, introduction to list mode).</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  SOUR:LIST:MODE DHOP  SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR EXT</p>
<b>Execute Single - List Mode</b>	<p>Triggers the list manually. This button is available only if <b>Mode Single</b> is selected.</p> <p>Remote-control commands  SOUR:FREQ:MODE LIST  SOUR:LIST:MODE AUTO  SOUR:LIST:TRIG:SOUR SING  SOUR:LIST:TRIG:EXEC</p>
<b>Reset - List Mode</b>	<p>Resets the list to the starting point.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:LIST:RES</p>
<b>Dwell Time - List Mode</b>	<p>Enters the dwell time. The dwell time determines the duration of a list step in list operating modes <b>Auto</b>, <b>Single</b> and <b>Extern Single</b>. In these modes a complete list is processed either once or continuously.</p> <p>In list operating modes <b>Step</b> and <b>Extern Step</b>, the set dwell time does not affect signal generation. In this case, the duration of a list step is determined by the time between two (internal or external) trigger events.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:LIST:DWEL 10 ms</p>
<b>Current Index - List Mode</b>	<p>Sets the list index in <b>Step</b> mode.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>
<b>Blank RF Output (Default ON) - List Mode</b>	<p>Activates/deactivates RF output blanking. If activated, blanking occurs on all frequency changes. If deactivates, blanking is always disabled.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  OUT:BLAN:LIST:STAT ON</p>

**Learn List Mode Data... - List Mode**

Starts the determination of the hardware setting for the selected list. The data determined in this way is stored along with the list.

It may be necessary to deliberately activate list learning in the event of greatly altered environmental conditions that require new hardware settings.

If this is not done, a previously learned hardware setting will continue to be used when list mode is switched on (**State = On**). If no setting is available, e.g. when the list is used for the first time, learning is automatically activated.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:LIST:LEAR

**List Mode Data... - List Mode**

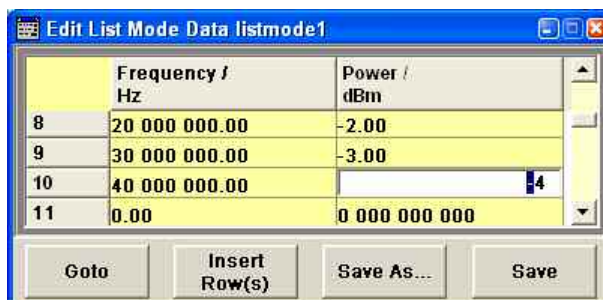
Calls the **File Select** menu for selecting and creating a list or the **File Manager**.



Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:LIST:CAT?  
 Response: 'MYLIST', 'LIST1', 'LIST2'  
 SOUR:LIST:SEL 'LIST2'  
 SOUR:LIST:DEL 'LIST1'  
 SOUR:LIST:DEL:ALL

**Edit List Mode Data... - List Mode**

Calls the editor for editing the selected list. A list consists of any number of frequency/level value pairs. The currently selected list is displayed.



**Frequency /Hz** Enter the frequency of the frequency/power value pair.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:LIST:FREQ 1.4GHz, 1.3GHz, 1GHz...

**Power /dBm** Enter the level of the frequency/power value pair.

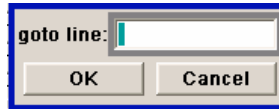
Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:LIST:POW 0dBm, 2dBm, 2dBm, 3dBm, ...

**Goto**

Selects row for editing.



If Goto row is selected, a window opens for entering the requested row.



Remote-control command: n.a.  
(it is not possible to change individual positions of the list)

**Insert/Fill Row(s)**

Opens the Insert/Fill Row selection box.



**Insert row**

Inserts a new row before the marked row.

**Insert range**

Inserts a new row before the marked row

**Fill...**

Opens the Fill Table menu (see below).

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Save as**

Open the file menu to save the list under a new name.

Each list is saved to the R&S Vector Signal Generator hard disk as a separate file with the file prefix **\*.lsw**. The file name and the directory to which the file is saved are user-selectable.

Remote-control command: -

**Save**

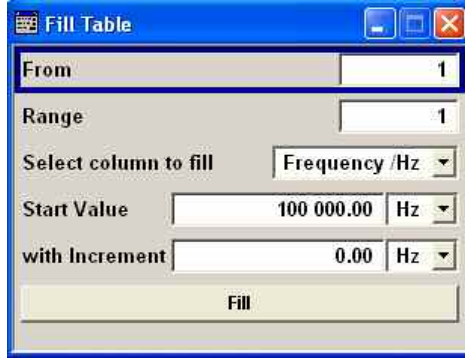
The list is saved under its current name.

Remote-control command: -

(the list is saved automatically after the values have been entered)

**Fill Table - List Mode**

The **Fill Table** menu is opened in the list editor using button **Insert/Fill Row** with selection **Fill...**



The List Mode table can be used to automatically fill the List Mode table with the selected values for the defined index range.

The list entries are only computed when the **Fill** button is pressed.

- From** Sets the start value of the index range.  
Remote-control command: n. a.
- Range** Sets the range for filling the table.  
Remote-control command: n. a.
- Select column to fill** Selects either the frequency or the level column to be filled with the value defined below.  
Remote-control command: n. a.
- Start value** Sets the start value for the frequency or the level entries.  
Remote-control command: n. a.
- With increment** Sets the increment for the frequency or the level entries.  
Remote-control command: n. a.
- Fills** Fills the selected column in the set range with values, starting with the start value and using the set increment.  
Remote-control command: n. a.

**List Range In - List Mode**

Defines an index range in the current list by setting the start and stop index. Only the values in the selected index range are processed in List mode, all other list entries are ignored.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:LIST:IND:STAR 15  
 SOUR:LIST:IND:STOP 155

**Global Trigger/Clock Settings - List Mode**

Open the **Global Trigger/Clock Settings** menu. This menu is used among other things for setting the polarity of the active slope of an applied instrument trigger

In the case of two-path instruments this setting is valid for both paths. It affects the INST TRIG input (BNC connector at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path A) and the INST TRIG B input of the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path B).

See also section "[Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings - Setup-Environment](#)", on page 4.13.

**User Marker AUX I/O Settings - List Mode**

Calls the menu for configuring the AUX I/O and user interfaces (see the following section "[User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings](#)").

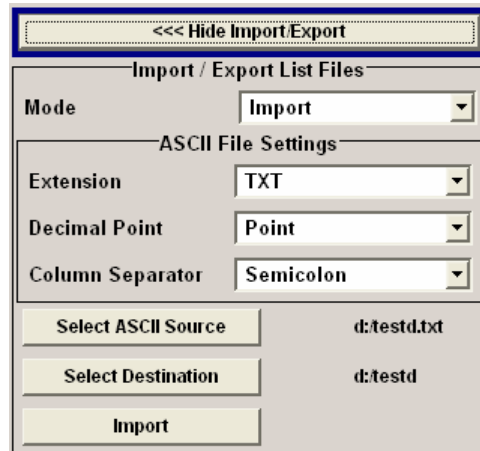
The pin assignment of the AUX I/O interface is shown in the **User Marker - AUX I/O Configuration** menu; the assignment of the USER pins 2...4 and USER 1 BNC connector can be changed.

With two-path instruments, the current assignment to the respective path is given in addition to the pin assignment.

User correction list can be imported from externally created files or exported into text or CSV-files. The import/export settings are available after clicking the **Import/Export** button.

**Import/Export - List Mode**

Expands the menu with the area for import and export of list mode files.



Externally edited Excel tables with frequency/level pairs can be imported as text or CSV-files and used for list mode.

On the other hand, internally created list mode list can be exported as text or CSV-files.

**Mode - List Mode**

Selects if list mode lists should be imported or exported. The settings offered below depend on the selected mode.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:LIST:DEXC:MODE IMP`

<b>Extension - List Mode</b>	<p>Selects the file extension of the ASCII file to be imported or exported. Selection TXT (text file) or CSV (Excel file) is available.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:LIST:DEXC:AFIL:EXT TXT</p>
<b>Decimal Point - List Mode</b>	<p>Selects the decimal separator used in the ASCII data between '.' (decimal point) and ',' (comma) with floating-point numerals.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:DEC DOT</p>
<b>Column Separator- List Mode</b>	<p>Selects the separator between the frequency and level column of the ASCII table.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:COL TAB</p>
<b>Select ASCII Source / Destination - List Mode</b>	<p>Calls the <b>File Manager</b> for selecting the ASCII file to be imported into a list mode list (source) or the ASCII file the list mode list is exported (destination) in.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL "var/user/list/list1.txt"</p>
<b>Destination / Source - List Mode</b>	<p>Calls the <b>File Manager</b> for selecting the list mode list to be exported (source) into an ASCII file or the destination for the ASCII file to be imported (destination) in.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:LIST:DEXC:SEL "var/user/ucor/list1.txt"</p>
<b>Import / Export - List Mode</b>	<p>Starts the export or import of the selected file.</p> <p>When import is selected, the ASCII file is imported as list mode list.</p> <p>When export is selected, the list mode list is exported into the selected ASCII file.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:LIST:DEXC:EXEC</p>



## Sweep Mode

The R&S Vector Signal Generator offers three different sweep types (frequency sweep, level sweep and LF sweep) to be activated alternatively. Each type has 5 modes which differ with respect to the sweep cycle mode (continuous, individual and step-by-step) and triggering mode (automatic, internal and external).

A sweep is set in five basic steps which are shown below taking a frequency sweep as an example:

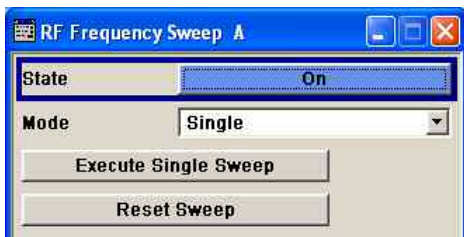
1. Set the sweep range (**Start Freq** and **Stop Freq** or **Center Freq** and **Span**).
2. Select linear or logarithmic sweep spacing (**Spacing**).
3. Set the step width (**Step Lin/Log**) and dwell time (**Dwell Time**).
4. Activate the sweep (Mode to Auto, Single, Step or Extern Single, Extern Step).
5. Trigger the sweep, except for Auto mode (Execute Single Sweep, Current Frequency or External Trigger Signal).

Note:

**Sweeps and List mode can not be activated simultaneously, they deactivate each other.**

## Frequency Sweep Menu

The **Frequency Sweep** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or in the menu tree of the **[MENU]** key under **RF Signal**.



In the top section of the menu, the RF sweep mode is activated and the sweep mode is selected.

The buttons are used to reset the RF sweep (all sweep modes) or to execute the RF sweep (**Single** mode).

Start Freq	100.000 000 00	MHz
Stop Freq	500.000 000 00	MHz
Center Freq	300.000 000 00	MHz
Span	400.000 000 00	MHz
Current Freq	100.000 000 00	MHz
Spacing	Linear	
Step Lin	1.000 000 00	MHz
Dwell Time	0.010 0	s

Global Trigger/Clock Settings...
User Marker / AUX I/O Settings...

The sweep range, sweep spacing and dwell time are set in the bottom section.

The sweep range of the RF sweep can be entered in two ways, either by entering the **Start** and **Stop** value or by entering the **Center** and **Span**. The two sets of parameters influence each other in the following way:

$$\text{Start} = (\text{Center} - \text{Span}/2)$$

$$\text{Stop} = (\text{Center} + \text{Span}/2)$$

$$\text{Center} = (\text{Start} + \text{Stop})/2$$

$$\text{Span} = (\text{Stop} - \text{Start})$$

In the top section of the menu, the RF sweep mode is activated and the sweep mode is selected. The buttons are used to reset the RF sweep (all sweep modes) or to execute the RF sweep (**Single** mode).

**State - Frequency Sweep** Activates/deactivates RF sweep mode.

*Note:*

**Activating the RF frequency sweep automatically deactivates the list mode. All sweep types (RF sweep, level sweep and LF sweep) can be activated simultaneously.**

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE
```

**Mode - Frequency Sweep** Selects the Sweep instrument operating mode and the Sweep mode.

#### Auto

Sets an automatic repeated sweep cycle. If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the **Auto** mode, the cycle continues from the current sweep setting.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO
```

```
TRIG:FSW:SOUR AUTO
```

```
SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE
```

#### Single

Sets a single sweep cycle. The sweep is triggered by the **Execute Single Sweep** button.

If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the **Single** mode, the current sweep is stopped. The **Single** sweep always starts at the start frequency when triggered.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO
```

```
TRIG:FSW:SOUR AUTO
```

```
SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE
```

```
SOUR:SWE:FREQ:EXEC
```

<b>Step</b>	<p>Sets a step-by-step sweep cycle.</p> <p>If this mode is activated, the cursor moves to the value displayed for <b>Current Freq</b>. Any variation to the <b>Current Freq</b> value triggers a sweep step.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Step</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Step</b> sweep starts at the current RF frequency when triggered.</p> <p>Remote-control commands:  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:MODE MAN  SOUR:FREQ:MAN 200 MHz  SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE  SOUR:FREQ:MAN 300 MHz  SOUR:FREQ:MAN 400 MHz</p>
<b>Extern Single</b>	<p>Sets a single sweep cycle. The sweep is triggered by an external trigger signal.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Extern Single</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Extern Single</b> sweep always starts at the start frequency when triggered.</p> <p>The external trigger signal is input at the rear of the instrument. The BNC connector INST TRIG is provided for Path A, and the pin INST TRIG B on the AUX I/O interface for Path B.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO  TRIG:FSW:SOUR EXT  SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE</p>
<b>Extern Step</b>	<p>Sets a step-by-step sweep cycle. Each sweep step is triggered by an external trigger signal (trigger source as described under <b>Extern Single</b>).</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Extern Step</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Extern Step</b> sweep always starts at the start frequency when triggered.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:MODE STEP  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:SPAC LIN  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:STEP:LIN 1 MHz  TRIG:FSW:SOUR EXT  SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE</p>

The sweep range, sweep spacing and dwell time are set in the bottom section.

<b>Execute Single Sweep - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Triggers the sweep manually. A manual sweep can only be triggered if <b>Mode Single</b> is selected.</p> <p>Remote-control commands  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO  TRIG:FSW:SOUR SING  SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE  SOUR:SWE:FREQ:EXEC</p>
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<b>Reset Sweep - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Resets the sweep. The start frequency is set and the next sweep starts from there.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SWE:RES:ALL</p>
<b>Start Freq - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the start frequency.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:FREQ:STAR 100MHz</p>
<b>Stop Freq - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the stop frequency.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:FREQ:STOP 500MHz</p>
<b>Center Freq - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the center frequency.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:FREQ:CENT 300MHz</p>
<b>Span - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the span.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:FREQ:SPAN 400MHz</p>
<b>Current Freq - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Displays the current frequency.</p> <p>If <b>Step</b> is set, the frequency for the next frequency step of the sweep is entered here.</p> <p>Remote-control command SOUR:FREQ:MAN 300MHz</p>
<b>Spacing - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Selects linear or logarithmic sweep spacing.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:SWE:FREQ:SPAC LIN   LOG</p>
<b>Step Lin/Log - Frequency Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the step width for the individual sweep steps. This entry is effective for all sweep modes.</p> <p><b>Step Lin</b> or <b>Step Log</b> is displayed depending on whether <b>Spacing Lin</b> or <b>Log</b> is selected.</p> <p><b>Step Lin</b>                      With the linear sweep, the step width is a fixed frequency value which is added to the current frequency. The linear step width is entered in Hz.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:SWE:FREQ:STEP:LIN 1 MHz</p> <p><b>Step Log</b>                      With the logarithmic sweep, the step width is a constant fraction of the current frequency. This fraction is added to the current frequency. The logarithmic step width is entered in %.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:SWE:FREQ:STEP:LOG 1 PCT</p>

**Dwell Time - Frequency Sweep**

Sets the dwell time. The dwell time determines the duration of the individual sweep steps.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:SWE:FREQ:DWEL 10ms

**Global Trigger/Clock Settings - Frequency Sweep**

Calls the **Global Trigger/Clock Settings** menu. This menu is used among other things for setting the polarity of the active slope of an applied instrument trigger.

In the case of two-path instruments this setting is valid for both paths. It affects the INST TRIG input (BNC connector at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path A) and the INST TRIG B input of the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path B).

See also section "[Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings - Setup-Environment](#)", page 4.13.

**User Marker / AUX I/O - Global Settings**

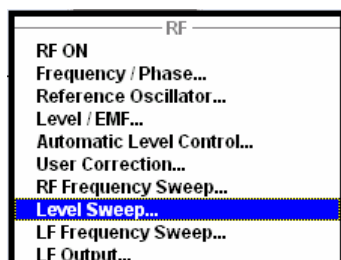
Calls the menu for configuring the AUX I/O and user interfaces (see the following section "[User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings](#)").

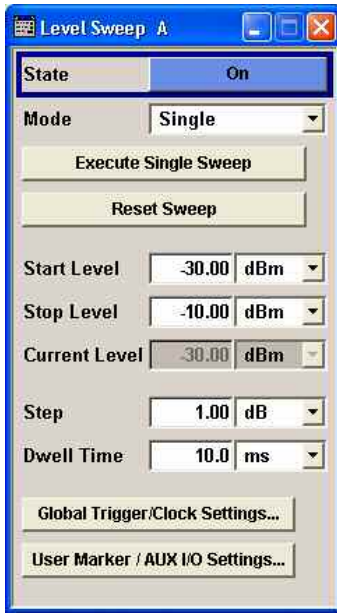
The pin assignment of the AUX I/O interface is shown in the **User Marker / AUX I/O Configuration** menu; the assignment of the USER pins 2...4 and USER 1 BNC connector can be changed.

With two-path instruments, the current assignment to the respective path is given in addition to the pin assignment.

## Level Sweep Menu

The **Level Sweep** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the MENU key under **RF/A Mod**.





In the top section, the Level Sweep mode is activated and the sweep mode is selected. The buttons are used to reset the level sweep (all sweep modes) or to execute the level sweep (**Single** mode).

The level range for the sweeps is selected for instruments with Option High Power.

The sweep range, sweep spacing and dwell time are set in the bottom section.

In the top section, the Level Sweep mode is activated and the sweep mode is selected. The buttons are used to reset the level sweep (all sweep modes) or to execute the level sweep (**Single** mode).

#### State - Level Sweep

Activates Level Sweep mode.

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#### Note:

**Activating the level sweep automatically deactivates the list mode. All sweep types (RF sweep, level sweep and LF sweep) can be activated simultaneously.**

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#### Remote-control commands:

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SOUR:POW:MODE SWE
SOUR:POW:MODE CW
```

#### Attenuator Mode - Level Sweep with High Power Option

(High Power Option only) Sets the ranges of level settings for the level sweep. The sweep is either performed in the low level or in the high level ranges.

Parameter **Attenuator Mode** is only available when the instrument is equipped with the high-power output option (R&S SMATE-B31 or R&S SMATE-B36).

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#### Note:

**An error message is generated and the best possible level is set if the level setting for the current sweep step is outside the selected range.**

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#### Normal

The level settings for the level sweep are made in the area of the electronically switching attenuator. The high level ranges are not available.

#### Remote-control command:

```
:SWE:POW:AMOD NORM
```

#### High Power

The level settings for the level sweep are made in the area of the option. Only the high level range is available.

#### Remote-control command:

```
:SWE:POW:AMOD HPOW
```

<b>Mode - Level Sweep</b>	Selects the Level Sweep instrument operating mode and the Sweep mode.
<b>Auto</b>	<p>Sets an automatic repeated sweep cycle. If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Auto</b> mode, the cycle continues from the current sweep setting.</p> <p>Remote-control commands:  SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE AUTO  TRIG:PSW:SOUR AUTO  SOUR:POW:MODE SWE</p>
<b>Single</b>	<p>Sets a single sweep cycle. The sweep is triggered by the <b>Execute Single Sweep</b> button.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Single</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Single</b> sweep always starts at the start level.</p> <p>Remote-control commands:  SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE AUTO  TRIG:PSW:SOUR SING  SOUR:POW:MODE SWE  SOUR:SWE:POW:EXEC</p>
<b>Step</b>	<p>Sets a step-by-step sweep cycle. Each sweep step is triggered by a variation of the value in the <b>Current Level</b> entry window.</p> <p>If this mode is activated, the cursor moves to the value displayed for <b>Current Level</b>. If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Step</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Step</b> sweep starts at the current level value.</p> <p>Remote-control commands:  SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE STEP  TRIG:PSW:SOUR SING  SOUR:POW:MAN -16  TRIG:PSW:SOUR SING  SOUR:POW:MODE SWE  SOUR:POW:MAN -16.5  SOUR:POW:MAN -17</p>
<b>Extern Single</b>	<p>Sets a single sweep cycle. The sweep is triggered by an external trigger signal.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Extern Single</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Extern Single</b> sweep always starts at the start level.</p> <p>The external trigger signal is input at the rear of the instrument. The BNC connector INST TRIG is provided for Path A, and the pin INST TRIG B on the AUX I/O interface for Path B.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE AUTO  TRIG:PSW:SOUR EXT  SOUR:POW:MODE SWE  (External trigger)</p>

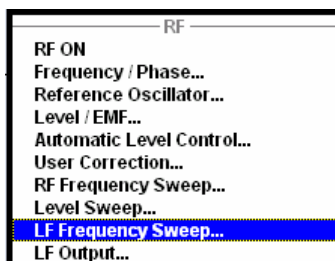
<b>Extern Step</b>	<p>Sets a step-by-step sweep cycle. Each sweep step is triggered by an external trigger signal (trigger source as described under <b>Extern Single</b>). The step width corresponds to the step width of the rotary knob.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Extern Step</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Extern Step</b> sweep always starts at the start level.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE STEP  SOUR:SWE:POW:STEP 0.5  TRIG:PSW:SOUR EXT  SOUR:POW:MODE SWE  (External trigger)</p>
<b>Reset Sweep - Level Sweep</b>	<p>Resets the sweep. The start level is set and the next sweep starts from there.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SWE:RES:ALL</p>
<b>Execute Single Sweep - Level Sweep</b>	<p>Triggers the sweep manually. A manual sweep can only be triggered if <b>Mode Single</b> is selected.</p> <p>Remote-control commands  SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE AUTO  TRIG:PSW:SOUR SING  SOUR:POW:MODE SWE  SOUR:SWE:POW:EXEC</p>
<p>The sweep range, sweep spacing and dwell time are set in the bottom section.</p>	
<b>Start Level - Level Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the start level.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:POW:STAR -100</p>
<b>Stop Level - Level Sweep</b>	<p>Sets the stop level.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:POW:STOP -10</p>
<b>Current Level - Level Sweep</b>	<p>Displays the current level.</p> <p>If <b>Step</b> is set, the level for the next level step of the sweep is entered here.</p> <p>Remote-control command  SOUR:POW:MAN -30</p>



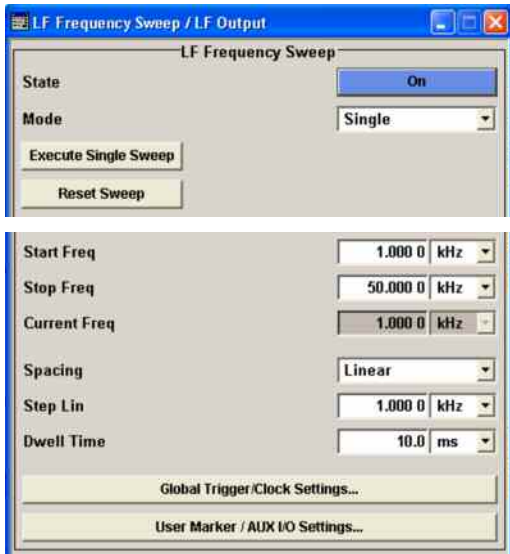
- Step - Level Sweep** Sets the step width for the individual sweep steps. This entry is effective for all sweep modes.
- With the level sweep, the logarithmic step width is a constant fraction of the current level. This fraction is added to the current level. The logarithmic step width is entered in dB.
- Remote-control command:  
SOUR:SWE:POW:STEP 3
- Dwell Time - Level Sweep** The enter the dwell time. The dwell time determines the duration of the individual sweep steps.
- Remote-control command:  
SOUR:SWE:POW:DWEL 10ms
- Global Trigger/Clock Settings - Level Sweep** Open the **Global Trigger/Clock Settings** menu. This menu is used among other things for setting the polarity of the active slope of an applied instrument trigger
- In the case of two-path instruments this setting is valid for both paths. It affects the INST TRIG input (BNC connector at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path A) and the INST TRIG B input of the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path B).
- See also section "[Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings - Setup-Environment](#)", on page 4.13.
- User Marker / AUX I/O - Global Settings** Calls the menu for configuring the AUX I/O and user interfaces (see the following section "[User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings](#)").
- The pin assignment of the AUX I/O interface is shown in the **User Marker / AUX I/O Configuration** menu; the assignment of the USER pins 2...4 and USER 1 BNC connector can be changed.
- With two-path instruments, the current assignment to the respective path is given in addition to the pin assignment.

## LF Frequency Sweep Menu

The **LF Frequency Sweep** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the MENU key (CTRL+M) under **RF/A Mod**.



The top sections of the combined menu LF Output / LF Frequency Sweep provide access to the LF Sweep mode settings. The lower section provides access to the LF output settings, see section "LF Generator and LF Output - LF Output", page 4.88.



In the top section, the LF Sweep mode is activated and the sweep mode is selected. The buttons are used to reset the LF sweep (all sweep modes) or to execute the LF sweep (**Single** mode).

The sweep range, sweep spacing and dwell time are set in the bottom section.

In the top section, the LF Sweep mode is activated and the sweep mode is selected. The buttons are used to reset the LF sweep (all sweep modes) or to execute the LF sweep (**Single** mode).

#### State - LF Sweep

Activates LF Sweep mode.

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#### Note:

**Activating the LF sweep automatically deactivates the list mode. All sweep types (RF sweep, level sweep and LF sweep) can be activated simultaneously.**

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#### Remote-control commands:

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SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE
SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE CW
```

#### Mode - LF Sweep

Selects the Sweep instrument operating mode and Sweep mode.

#### Auto

Sets an automatic repeated sweep cycle. If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the **Auto** mode, the cycle continues from the current sweep setting.

#### Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO
TRIG0:SWE:SOUR AUTO
SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE
```

<b>Single</b>	<p>Sets a single sweep cycle. The sweep is triggered by the <b>Execute Single Sweep</b> button.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Single</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Single</b> sweep always starts at the start frequency.</p> <p>Remote-control commands:  SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO  TRIG0:SWE:SOUR SING  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE  SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:EXEC</p>
<b>Step</b>	<p>Sets a step-by-step sweep cycle. Each sweep step is triggered by a variation of the value in the <b>Current Freq</b> entry window.</p> <p>If this mode is activated, the cursor moves to the value displayed for <b>Current Freq</b>. If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Step</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Step</b> sweep starts at the current LF frequency.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:MODE MAN  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MAN 12 kHz  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MAN 14 kHz  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MAN 16 kHz</p>
<b>Extern Single</b>	<p>Sets a single sweep cycle. The sweep is triggered by an external trigger signal.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Extern Single</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Extern Single</b> sweep always starts at the start frequency.</p> <p>The external trigger signal is input at the rear of the instrument. The BNC connector INST TRIG is provided for Path A, and the pin INST TRIG B on the AUX I/O interface for Path B.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO  TRIG0:SWE:SOUR EXT  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE  (External trigger)</p>
<b>Extern Step</b>	<p>Sets a step-by-step sweep cycle. Each sweep step is triggered by an external trigger signal (trigger source as described under <b>Extern Single</b>). The step width corresponds to the step width set for the rotary knob.</p> <p>If a different sweep mode was activated prior to the <b>Extern Step</b> mode, the current sweep is stopped. The <b>Extern Step</b> sweep always starts at the LF start frequency.</p> <p>Remote-control command:  SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:MODE STEP  TRIG0:SWE:SOUR EXT  SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE  (External trigger)</p>

**Execute Single Sweep - LF Sweep** Triggers the sweep manually. A manual sweep can only be triggered if **Mode Single** is selected.

Remote-control commands

```
SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:MODE AUTO
TRIG0:SWE:SOUR SING
SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE
SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:EXEC
```

**Reset Sweep - LF Sweep** Resets the sweep. The start frequency is set and the next sweep starts from there.

Remote-control command:

```
SWE:RES:ALL
```

The sweep range, sweep spacing and dwell time are set in the bottom section.

**Start Freq - LF Sweep** Sets the start frequency.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:LFO:FREQ:STAR 100kHz
```

**Stop Freq - LF Sweep** Sets the stop frequency.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:LFO:FREQ:STOP 50kHz
```

**Current Freq - LF Sweep** Displays the current frequency.

If **Step** is set, the frequency for the next frequency step of the sweep is entered here.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MAN 15 kHz
```

**Spacing - LF Sweep** Selects linear or logarithmic sweep spacing.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:SPAC LIN | LOG
```

**Step Lin/Log - LF Sweep** Sets the step width for the individual sweep steps. This entry is effective for all sweep modes.

**Step Lin** or **Step Log** is displayed depending on whether **Spacing Lin** or **Log** is selected.

**Step Lin**

With the linear sweep, the step width is a fixed frequency value which is added to the current frequency. The linear step width is entered in Hz.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:STEP:LIN 1 kHz
```

**Step Log**

With the logarithmic sweep, the step width is a constant fraction of the current frequency. This fraction is added to the current frequency. The logarithmic step width is entered in %.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:STEP:LOG 1 PCT
```

<b>Dwell Time - LF Sweep</b>	Sets the dwell time. The dwell time determines the duration of the individual sweep steps.  Remote-control command: SOUR:LFO:SWE:FREQ:DWEL 10ms
<b>Global Trigger/Clock Settings - LF Sweep</b>	Open the <b>Global Trigger/Clock Settings</b> menu. This menu is used among other things for setting the polarity of the active slope of an applied instrument trigger  In the case of two-path instruments this setting is valid for both paths. It affects the INST TRIG input (BNC connector at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path A) and the INST TRIG B input of the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument, instrument trigger for Path B).  See also section " <a href="#">Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings - Setup-Environment</a> ", on page 4.13.
<b>User Marker / AUX I/O - Global Settings</b>	Calls the menu for configuring the AUX I/O and user interfaces (see the following section " <a href="#">User Marker / AUX I/O - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings</a> ").  The pin assignment of the AUX I/O interface is shown in the <b>User Marker / AUX I/O Configuration</b> menu; the assignment of the USER pins 2...4 and USER 1 BNC connector can be changed.  With two-path instruments, the current assignment to the respective path is given in addition to the pin assignment.

# LF Generator and LF Output - LF Output

The internal LF generator is available as the internal source for the analog modulations AM, FM / PM and Pulse, and also as the signal source for the LF output at the rear of the instrument.

The frequency setting for the LF generator can be made both in the modulation menus and in the LF Output menu.

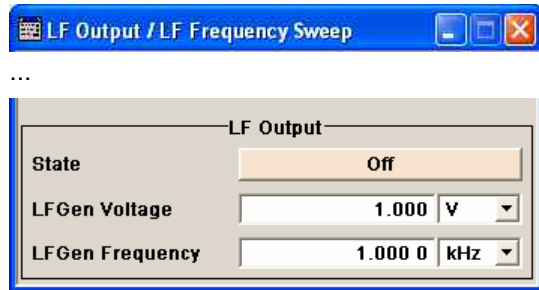
A change to the frequency of the LF generator automatically has an effect on modulation if the LF generator is selected as the modulation source (i.e. **Internal** is selected as **Source**). With two-path instruments, the frequency setting is always effective for both paths since an LF generator is available for both paths in the instrument.

The LF Sweep mode is activated in the **LF Sweep** menu.

## LF Output Menu

The **LF Output** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the **[MENU]** key under **RF/A Mod**.

The combined menu LF Output / LF Frequency Sweep provides access to the LF output configuration in the bottom section. The top sections provide access to the LF Sweep mode settings, see section "[LF Frequency Sweep Menu](#)", page 4.83.



**State - LF Output** Activates/deactivates the LF output. This setting has no effect on the modulations.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:LFO:STAT ON | OFF`

**Output Voltage - LF Output** Sets the output voltage of the LF output. The entered value determines the peak voltage.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:LFO:VOLT 1 V`

**LF Gen Frequency - LF Output** Sets the frequency of the LF generator. This setting affects all analog modulations which use the LF generator as the internal modulation source.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:LFO:FREQ 1 kHz`

## Analog Modulations

The R&S Vector Signal Generator provides the analog modulations amplitude modulation (AM), broadband amplitude modulation (BB-AM) and pulse modulation (Pulse) for the basic unit (R&S SMATE + frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x) without additional equipment options. Two-path instruments require a second RF path (R&S SMATE-B20x option).

The analog modulations frequency modulation (FM) and phase modulation (PhiM) require option R&S SMATE-B22 (FM/PhiM Modulator and Low Phase Noise). Two path instruments require a second RF path (R&S SMATE-B20x option) and a second option R&S SMATE-B22.

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**Note:**

**The MOD ON/OFF key switches the modulations on and off. In the two-path mode, the MOD ON/OFF key switches all modulations off. Pressing the key again restores the status that was active before the last switch-off. MOD OFF is displayed in the info line of the header next to the Level field.**

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Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:MOD:ALL:STAT OFF
```

## Modulation Sources

For amplitude, pulse, frequency and phase modulation the internal and external modulation source can be used. For BB-AM only external modulation sources can be used.

### Internal Modulation Sources

The LF generator is available as internal modulation source. The generator supplies sinusoidal signals in the frequency range 0.1 Hz to 1 MHz (see also the section "[LF Generator and LF Output - LF Output](#)", page 4.88). With pulse modulation, the sinusoidal signal from the LF generator is formed internally into a rectangular signal used to actuate the pulse modulator.

With two-path instruments, the frequency settings are always effective for both paths since an LF generator is available for both paths in the instrument.

### External Modulation Sources

The EXT MOD input at the rear of the instrument is provided as the external modulation source for amplitude, pulse, frequency and phase modulation. The external signal for broadband amplitude modulation is fed in via the I-input.

The external modulation signal at the EXT MOD input must have a voltage of  $U_s = 1 \text{ V}$  ( $U_{\text{eff}} = 0.707 \text{ V}$ ) in order to achieve the displayed modulation depth and range. The input voltage should not exceed  $1.1 U_s$ , otherwise modulation distortions might occur. With external pulse modulation, the switching point is max. 2.4 V and the voltage at the input should not exceed 5 V. The maximum modulation frequency is 10 MHz for frequency and phase modulation.

## Simultaneous Operation of Several Modulations or Other Operating Modes

The table shows the modulations and operating modes which can be activated simultaneously (+) or which deactivate each other (-).

	AM	FM	PHiM	Pulse	BB-AM	I/Q	DM	ARB
Amplitude modulation (AM)	/	+	+	+	-	-	-	-
Frequency modulation (FM)	+	/	-	+	+	+	+	+
Phase modulation (PHiM)	+	-	/	+	+	+	+	+
Pulse modulation	+	+	+	/	+	+	+	+
Broadband AM (BB-AM)	-	+	+	+	/	-	-	-
Vector modulation (I/Q)	-	+	+	+	-	/	-	-
Digital modulation (DM)	-	+	+	+	-	-	/	-
ARB	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	/



# Amplitude Modulation - AM

An internal or external source can be selected for amplitude modulation. The LF GEN modulation generator is available as the internal source. The I/Q modulator is used for amplitude modulation.

The EXT MOD input connector for external feed is at the rear of the instrument. The coupling mode of the input (AC or DC) can be selected.

Note:

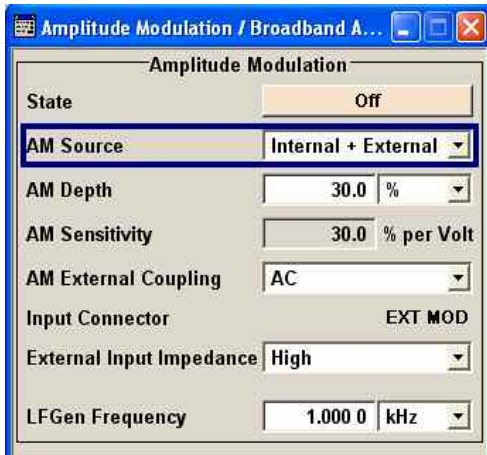
***It is not possible to use AM simultaneously with broadband AM, I/Q modulation, arbitrary waveform generation, digital modulation and digital standards.  
The AM modulation depth is limited by the maximum peak envelope power (PEP).***

## Amplitude Modulation Menu

The **Amplitude Modulation** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the MENU key under **RF/A Mod**.



The top section of the combined menu Amplitude Modulation /Broadband AM provides access to the amplitude modulation settings. The lower section provides access to the broadband amplitude modulation settings, see section "[Broadband Amplitude Modulation - BB-AM](#)", page 4.93.



<b>State - AM</b>	<p>Activates/deactivates AM modulation.</p> <p>Activation of AM deactivates BB-AM, I/Q modulation, digital modulation and digital standards.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:STAT ON</p>
<b>AM Source - AM</b>	<p>Selects the source for the AM signal.</p> <p><b>Internal</b>               Selects the internal LF generator as the source for AM modulation.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:SOUR INT</p> <p><b>External</b>               Selects the external source. The external signal is input via the EXT MOD connector.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:SOUR EXT</p> <p><b>Intern + Extern</b>       Selects the internal and external source at the same time.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:SOUR INT,EXT</p>
<b>AM Depth</b>	<p>Sets the modulation depth in percent.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:DEPT 20PCT</p>
<b>AM Sensitivity</b>	<p>Displays the input sensitivity of the EXT MOD input in %/V. The display only appears in the case of external modulation.</p> <p>The modulation depth entered under <b>AM Depth</b> is reached with 1 volt modulation of the input.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:SENS? Response: "30"</p>
<b>AM External Coupling</b>	<p>Selects the coupling mode (AC or DC) for external feed.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Note:</i> <b><i>Coupling for external feed via input EXT MOD can be set independently for modulations AM, FM and PhiM.</i></b></p> <hr/> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AM:EXT:COUP AC</p>
<b>AM Input Connector</b>	<p>Displays the modulation input. The display only appears in the case of external modulation.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>

**AM External Input Impedance**

(Source External only) Selects the impedance for external feed via the EXT MOD input. Selection 50 Ohm and high (>100 kOhm) is available.

This setting affects all analog modulations which use the external modulation source.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:INP:MOD:IMP G50

**LF Gen Frequency - AM**

Sets the frequency of the LF generator.

This setting affects all analog modulations which use the LF generator as the internal modulation source. With two-path instruments, the setting affects both paths.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:LFO:FREQ 1E3

## Broadband Amplitude Modulation - BB-AM

With broadband amplitude modulation the I/Q modulator is used for amplitude modulation.

Broadband amplitude modulation (BB-AM) is only possible for Path A. An external source is always used. The modulation input is the I-input of the I/Q modulator. The sensitivity for broadband amplitude modulation is 0.25V / 100% modulation depth. It is not possible to set a modulation depth for BB-AM.

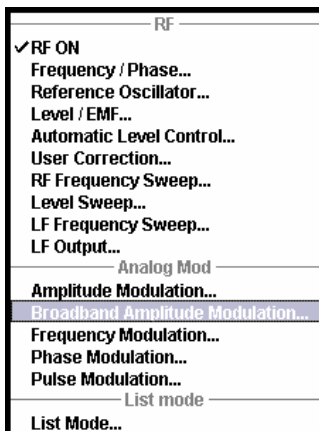
*Note:*

***It is not possible to use BB-AM simultaneously with AM, I/Q modulation, ARB, digital modulation and digital standards.***

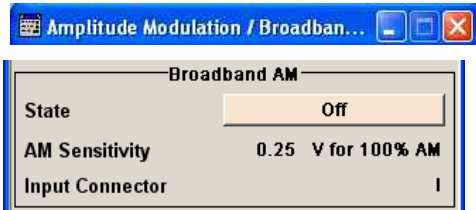
***The upper level limit for BB-AM is the same as that for I/Q modulation. PEP is up to 6 dB above the display value, depending on the modulation depth.***

## Broadband Amplitude Modulation Menu

The **Broadband Amplitude Modulation** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the **MENU** key under **RF/A Mod**.



The combined menu Amplitude Modulation /Broadband AM provides access to the Broadband AM configuration in the bottom section. The top section provides access to the amplitude modulation settings, see section "Amplitude Modulation - AM", page 4.91.



**State - BB-AM**

Activates/deactivates broadband AM modulation. Activation of broadband AM deactivates AM, I/Q modulation, digital modulation and digital standards.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:AM:BBAN:STAT ON

**AM Sensitivity - BB-AM**

Displays the input sensitivity of the I IN input in V/100% modulation depth. The input sensitivity cannot be influenced in the case of broadband AM since it is not possible to set the range.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:AM:BBAN:SENS?  
Response: "0.25"

**Input Connector - BB-AM**

Displays the modulation input (I-input connector of the I/Q modulator).

Remote-control command: n.a.

## Pulse Modulation

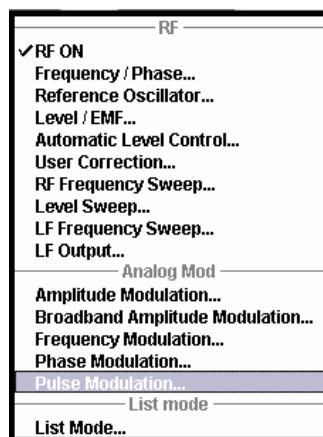
Pulse modulation is available for the basic unit (R&S SMATE + frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x) without additional equipment options. An additional frequency option (R&S SMATE-B20x) is required for a two-path instrument.

An internal or external source can be selected for pulse modulation. A simple rectangular signal with selectable repetition frequency is available as the internal signal. This signal is formed from the sinusoidal signal supplied by the LF generator.

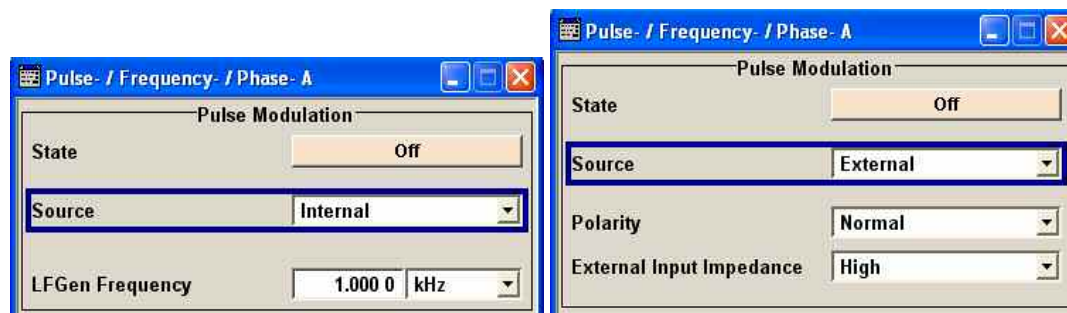
The external signal is input via the EXT MOD connector at the rear of the instrument. The polarity of the external pulse modulation can be selected. If Polarity is set to Normal, the RF level is ON if the level is HIGH at the modulation input.

## Pulse Modulation Menu

The **Pulse Modulation** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the **[MENU]** key under **RF/A Mod**.



The menu differs according to the selected internal or external modulation source.



### State - Pulse Modulation

Activates/deactivates pulse modulation. Activation of pulse modulation deactivates ALC and power ramping.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:PULM:STAT ON | OFF

- Source - Pulse Modulation** Selects the source for the pulse modulation signal.
- Internal** Selects the internal source. The LF generator generates a rectangular pulse with the set frequency.  
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:PULM:SOUR INT
  - External** Selects the external source. The external modulation signal is input via the EXT MOD connector.  
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:PULM:SOUR EXT
- LFGGen Frequency - Pulse Modulation** Sets the repetition frequency of the internal signal. This setting affects all analog modulations which use the LF generator as the internal modulation source. With two-path instruments, the setting affects both paths.  
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:LFO:FREQ 20 kHz
- Pulse External Input Impedance** (Source External only) Selects the impedance for external feed via the EXT MOD input. Selection 50 Ohm and high (>100 kOhm) is available.  
This setting affects all analog modulations which use the external modulation source.  
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:INP:MOD:IMP G50
- Polarity - Pulse Modulation** Selects the polarity of the modulation signal.
- Normal** The RF signal is ON while the level is HIGH.  
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:PULM:POL NORM
  - Inverted** The RF signal is ON while the level is LOW.  
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:PULM:POL INV

## Frequency Modulation - FM

Frequency modulation requires option R&S SMATE-B22 (FM/PhiM Modulator and Low Phase Noise).

An internal and/or external source can be selected for frequency modulation. The LF GEN modulation generator is available as the internal source.

The EXT MOD input connector for external feed is at the rear of the instrument. The coupling mode of the input (AC or DC) and 50 Ohm or high (> 10 kOhm) impedance can be selected.

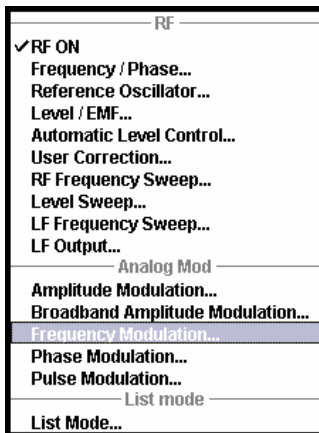
Selection between Low Noise mode (with reduced setting range for modulation bandwidth and deviation, see data sheet) and standard mode is possible.

*Note:*

***It is not possible to use frequency modulation simultaneously with phase modulation.***

## Frequency Modulation Menu

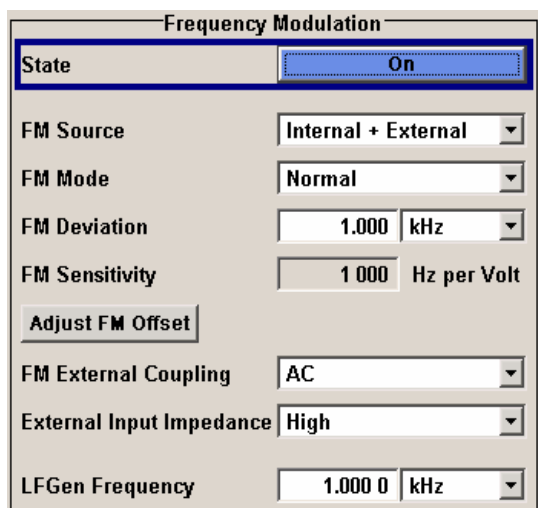
The **Frequency Modulation** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the MENU key under **RF/A Mod**.



The middle section of the combined menu Pulse/Frequency/Phase Modulation provides access to the frequency modulation settings. The upper section provides access to the pulse modulation settings, see section "[Pulse Modulation](#)", page 4.95, the lower section to phase modulation, see section "[Phase Modulation - PhiM](#)", page 4.101.



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**State - FM** Activates/deactivates FM modulation.  
 Activation of FM deactivates phase modulation.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:FM:STAT ON

**FM Source - FM** Selects the source for the FM signal.

- Internal** Selects the internal LF generator as the source for FM modulation.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:FM:SOUR INT
- External** Selects the external source. The external signal is input via the EXT MOD connector.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:FM:SOUR EXT
- Internal + External** Selects the internal and external source at the same time.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:FM:SOUR INT,EXT

**FM Mode - FM** Selects the mode for the frequency modulation.

- Normal** The maximum range for modulation bandwidth and FM deviation is available.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:FM:MODE NORM
- Low Noise (requires option B22)** Frequency modulation with phase noise and spurious characteristics close to CW mode. The range for modulation bandwidth and FM deviation is reduced (see data sheet).  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:FM:MODE LNO



**FM Deviation**

Sets the modulation depth in Hz.

The maximal deviation depends on the RF frequency set and the selected modulation mode (see data sheet). It is possible to enter a deviation that is too high for a certain RF frequency or to vary the RF frequency to a range in which the deviation can no longer be set. In this case the maximally possible deviation is set and an error message is displayed.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:FM:DEV 10kHz

**FM Sensitivity**

Displays the input sensitivity of the EXT MOD input in Hz/V. The display only appears in the case of external modulation.

The modulation depth entered under **FM Depth** is reached with 1 volt (=  $U_{\text{peak}}$ ) of the input signal.

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Note:

***The input voltage should not exceed 1.1 V<sub>p</sub> otherwise modulation distortions might occur.***

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Remote-control command:

SOUR:FM:SENS?

Response: "1E3"

**FM Adjust FM Offset**

Starts the adjustment for the FM/PhiM modulator. The option is adjusted with respect to DC-offset.

Remote-control command:

CAL:FMOF?

**FM External Coupling**

(Source External only) Selects the coupling mode (AC or DC) for external feed.

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Note:

***Coupling for external feed via input EXT MOD can be set independently for modulations AM, FM and PhiM.***

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**AC**

The d.c. voltage content is separated from the modulation signal.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:FM:EXT:COUP AC

**DC**

The modulation signal is not altered.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:FM:EXT:COUP DC

**FM External Input Impedance**

(Source External only) Selects the impedance for external feed via the EXT MOD input. Selection 50 Ohm and high (>100 kOhm) is available.

This setting affects all analog modulations which use the external modulation source.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:INP:MOD:IMP G50

**LF Gen Frequency - FM**

(Source Internal only) Sets the frequency of the LF generator.

This setting affects all analog modulations which use the LF generator as the internal modulation source. With two-path instruments, the setting affects both paths.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:LFO:FREQ 1E3

## Phase Modulation - PhiM

Phase modulation requires option R&S SMATE-B22 (FM/PhiM Modulator and Low Phase Noise). Two-path instruments require a second RF path (R&S SMATE-B20x option) and a second option R&S SMATE-B22).

Note:

***It is not possible to use phase modulation simultaneously with frequency modulation.***

An internal and/or external source can be selected for phase modulation. The LF GEN modulation generator is available as the internal source.

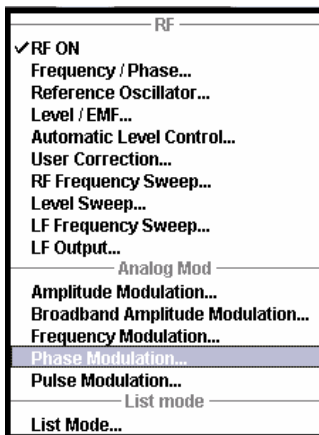
The EXT MOD input connector for external feed is at the rear of the instrument. The coupling mode of the input (AC or DC) and the impedance (50 Ohm or < 1kOhm) can be set.

Selection between three modulation modes is possible:

- **High Bandwidth** mode with full setting range for modulation bandwidth and limited PhiM deviation.
- **Low Noise** mode with reduced setting range for modulation bandwidth and deviation (see data sheet)
- **High Deviation** mode with full setting range for PhiM deviation and a reduced setting range for modulation bandwidth. Phase noise is reduced in the lower modulation frequency range (compared to **High Bandwidth** mode).

## Phase Modulation Menu

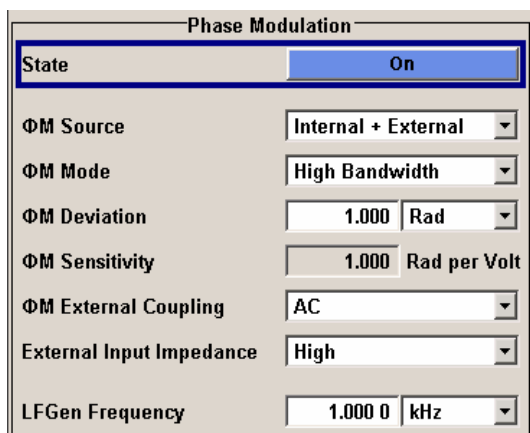
The **Phase Modulation** menu is opened either in the **RF/A Mod** function block or using the MENU key under **RF/A Mod**.



The lower section of the combined menu Pulse/Frequency/Phase Modulation provides access to the phase modulation settings. The upper section provides access to the pulse modulation settings, see section "[Pulse Modulation](#)", page 4.95, the middle section to frequency modulation, see section "[Frequency Modulation - FM](#)", page 4.97.



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**State - PhiM** Activates/deactivates PhiM modulation.  
 Activation of PhiM deactivates frequency modulation.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:PM:STAT ON

**PhiM Source** Selects the source for the PhiM signal.

**Internal** Selects the internal LF generator as the source for PhiM modulation.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:PM:SOUR INT

**External** Selects the external source. The external signal is input via the EXT MOD connector.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:PM:SOUR EXT

**Internal + External** Selects the internal and external source at the same time.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:PM:SOUR INT,EXT

**PhiM Mode** Selects the mode for the phase modulation.

**High Bandwidth** The maximum range for modulation bandwidth is available. However, phase noise is increased for low frequencies. The range for PhiM deviation is limited.  
 This mode is recommended for high modulation frequencies.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:PM:MODE HBAN

<b>High Deviation</b>	<p>The maximum range for PhiM deviation is available. Phase noise is improved for low frequencies compared to <b>High Bandwidth</b> mode. The range for modulation frequency is limited (see data sheet).</p> <p>This mode is recommended for low modulation frequencies and/or high PhiM deviation.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:PM:MODE HDEV</p>
<b>Low Noise</b> (with option B22 only)	<p>Phase modulation with phase noise and spurious characteristics close to CW mode. The range for modulation bandwidth and PM deviation is limited (see data sheet).</p> <p>This mode is useful for generating a tailed CW signal.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:PM:MODE LNO</p>

<b>PhiM Deviation</b>	<p>Sets the modulation depth in RAD or degrees.</p> <p>The maximal deviation depends on the RF frequency set and the selected modulation mode (see data sheet). It is possible to enter a deviation that is too high for a certain RF frequency or to vary the RF frequency to a range in which the deviation can no longer be set. In this case the maximally possible deviation is set and an error message is displayed.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:PM:DEV 10</p>
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<b>PhiM Sensitivity</b>	<p>Displays the input sensitivity of the EXT MOD input in RAD/V. The display only appears in the case of external modulation.</p> <p>The modulation depth entered under <b>PhiM Depth</b> is reached with 1 volt (<math>=U_{\text{peak}}</math>) of the input signal.</p>
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*Note:*


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***The input voltage should not exceed 1.1 V<sub>p</sub> otherwise modulation distortions might occur.***

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Remote-control command:  
SOUR:PM:SENS?

<b>PhiM External Coupling</b>	<p>Selects the coupling mode (AC or DC) for external feed.</p>
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*Note:*


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***Coupling for external feed via input EXT MOD can be set independently for modulations AM, FM and PhiM.***

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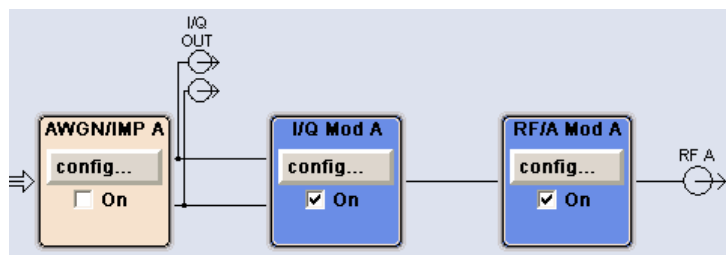
<b>AC</b>	<p>The d.c. voltage content is separated from the modulation signal.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:PM:EXT:COUP AC</p>
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# I/Q Modulation

## Introduction - I/Q Modulation

The R&S Vector Signal Generator offers I/Q modulation with external analog I/Q signals as well as internal digital signals.



In the case of Path A, I/Q modulation with an external analog I/Q signal is possible for the basic unit (R&S SMATE with frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x) without additional equipment options. The basic equipment configuration for generating an internal baseband signal includes the options R&S SMATE-B13 (Baseband Main Module) and R&S SMATE-B9/B10/B11 (Unicod and ARB).

The external signal is input via the **I** and **Q** connector and transferred directly to the **I/Q Mod** function block).

The internally generated baseband signal is configured in the **Baseband** function block (see the section "[Baseband Signal - Baseband](#)"). Before the signal is fed into the I/Q modulator, noise can be added and/or the signal can be impaired. Impairment at this point along the signal flow is offered to allow a signal to be output at the I/Q-OUT outputs (a signal which, for example, compensates signal distortion in a connected test object (DUT)).

Impairment is integrated in the option R&S SMATE-B13 (Baseband Main Module). The generation of noise requires the option R&S SMATE-K62 (AWGN).

The input signal of the I/Q modulator is selected in the **I/Q Mod** function block (see the following section "[I/Q Modulator - I/Q MOD Function Block](#)", page 4.106).

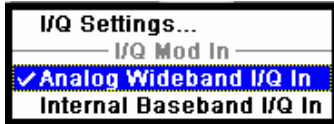
If the external analog signal is fed into the I/Q modulator, the input signal "**Analog Wideband I/Q In**" must be selected. The maximum RF bandwidth is available (see data sheet).

If the internally generated baseband signal is input the input signal "**Internal Baseband I/Q In**" must be selected. The RF bandwidth is reduced (see data sheet).

Impairments can also be set in the **I/Q Mod** menu to allow an externally applied analog I/Q signal to be impaired. An internal baseband signal can thus be impaired both digital (in the **Impairment** block in the **Impairment** menu) and analog in the I/Q modulator. If impairments are set in both menus, they superimpose each other in the signal.

# I/Q Modulator - I/Q MOD Function Block

The input signal of the I/Q modulator is selected and the **I/Q Settings** menu opened in the **I/Q Mod** function block.



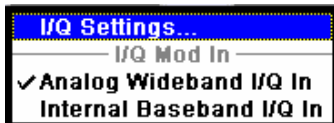
The **I/Q Settings** menu containing the modulation settings is opened in the top section.

The input signal is selected in the **I/Q Mod In** section and also in the **I/Q Settings** menu.

See following section "[I/Q Settings Menu](#)", page 4.106

## I/Q Settings Menu

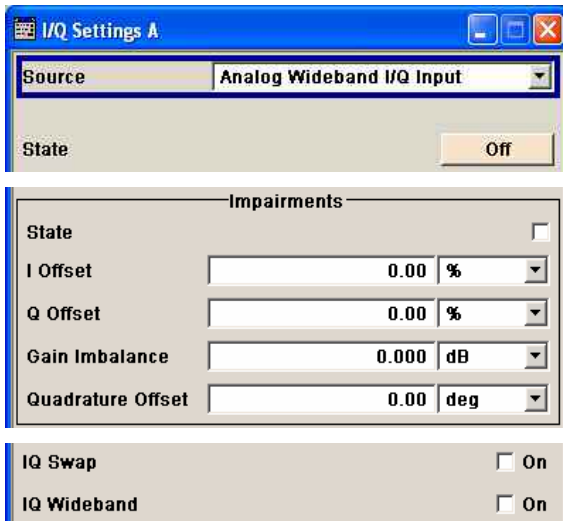
The menu for setting the I/Q modulation parameters is opened either in the **I/Q Mod** function block or in the menu with the same name which is opened using the **MENU** key.



Notes:

***It is not possible to use I/Q modulation with an external analog signal (Analog Wideband I/Q In) simultaneously with AM, broadband AM, digital modulation and digital standards, noise, arbitrary waveform generation and and multi carrier CW.***

***System error correction of the I/Q modulator permits precise and repeatable measurements. The correction routine should be called in the case of temperature fluctuations of several degrees. The routine is called in the Internal Adjustment submenu, **SETUP** key - System menu.***



I/Q modulation is activated and the source entered in the top section of the menu

I/Q impairment for specific impairment of the I/Q modulation is set in the **Impairments** section.

I/Q control can be swapped in the lower section of the menu and the optimized settings for wideband modulation signals can be activated.



The screenshot shows a menu titled "Analog Wideband I/Q Input". It contains two settings: "Crest Factor" set to "0.00 dB" and "Gain" set to "3 dB (Best For High 3GPP ACLR)".

The bottom section of the menu differs depending on the selected input signal (**Analog Wideband I/Q Input** or **Internal Baseband**).

The crest factor is input for the external signal.

The gain is selected for the internal and external signal.

I/Q modulation is activated and the source entered in the top section of the menu.

#### IQ Source - I/Q Mod

Selects the input signal for the I/Q modulator. This selection is only available for path A.

##### Analog Wideband I/Q In

Selects an external analog signal as the input signal. The signal must be applied at the inputs I and Q.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:SOUR ANAL

##### Internal Baseband I/Q In

Selects the internal baseband signal as the input signal. This setting requires the additional equipment options for generating the various baseband signals.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:SOUR BAS

#### State - I/Q Mod

Activates/deactivates I/Q modulation.

If **Analog Wideband I/Q In** is selected, the I/Q modulator is also deactivated and activated.

If **Internal Baseband I/Q In** is selected, the I/Q modulator is always activated automatically as soon as signal generation is activated in the **Baseband** block. It can, however, be deactivated later, e.g. if only the baseband signal which is output at the I/Q outputs is relevant.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:STAT ON | OFF

I/Q impairment for specific impairment of the I/Q modulation is set in the **Impairments** section.

#### State - Impairments I/Q Mod

Activates/deactivates I/Q impairment.

If activated, the settings for leakage, I/Q imbalance and quadrature offset become effective.

Whether or not I/Q impairment is activated is indicated in the function block.

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##### Note:

***It is advisable to switch automatic level control to the Sample&Hold mode, as otherwise level errors may occur (RF / Ana Mod – Automatic Level Control menu).***

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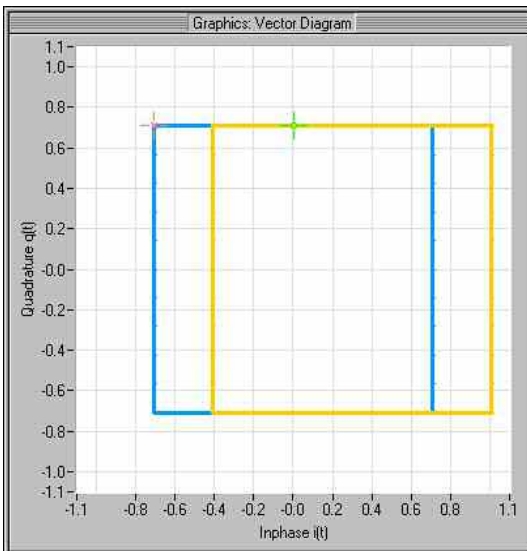
Remote-control command:  
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**Offset - I/Q Mod**

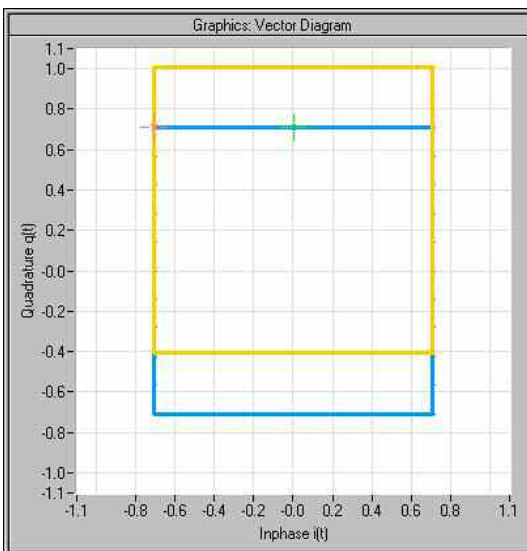
Sets the carrier offset (in percent) of the amplitudes (scaled to the peak envelope power (PEP) for the I and/or Q signal component).

An ideal I/Q modulator suppresses the carrier offset completely (offset = 0 percent). If an offset value is entered for a component, a carrier offset with fixed amplitude is added to the signal. In the diagram, all I values or Q values are offset by a fixed amplitude value depending on the entered percentage.

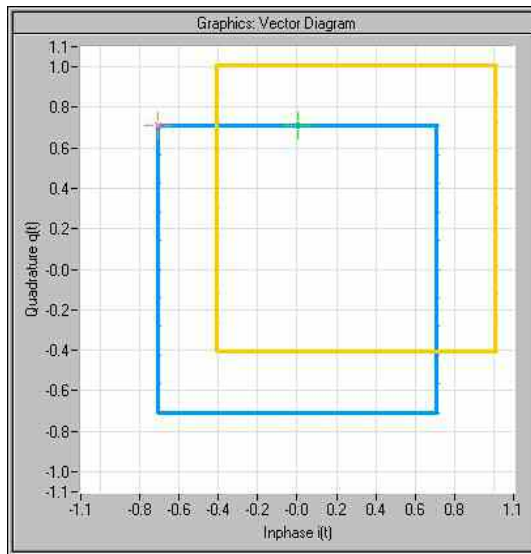
Effect of offset for the I component:



Effect of offset for the Q component:



Effect of an identical offset for both signal components:



Remote-control command:  
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SOUR:IQ:IMP:LEAK:Q 10PCT

**Gain Imbalance - I/Q Mod**

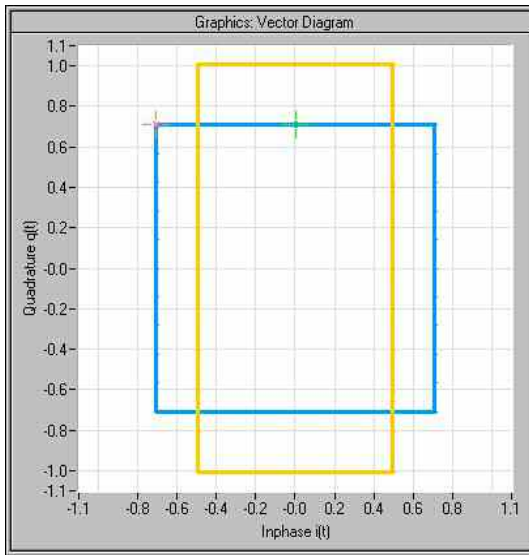
Sets the imbalance of the I and Q vector.

The entry is made in dB (default) or %, where 1 dB offset is roughly 12 % according to the following:

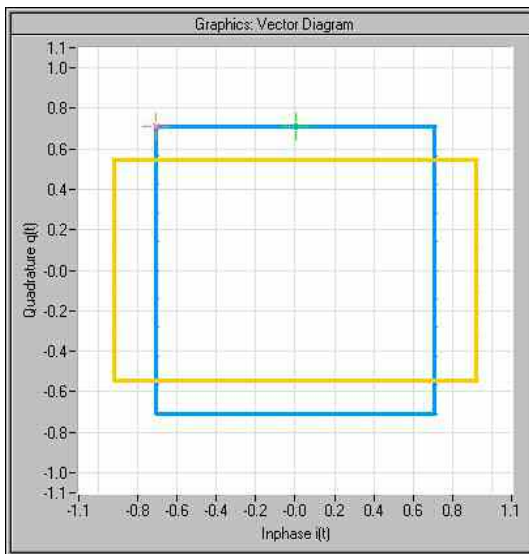
$$\text{Imbalance [dB]} = 20\log ( | \text{Gain}_Q | / | \text{Gain}_I | )$$

An ideal I/Q modulator amplifies the I and Q signal path by exactly the same degree. The imbalance corresponds to the difference in amplification of the I and Q channel and therefore to the difference in amplitude of the signal components. In the vector diagram, the length of the I vector changes relative to the length of the Q vector.

Positive values mean that the Q vector is amplified more than the I vector by the corresponding percentage.



Negative values mean that the I vector is amplified more than the Q vector by the corresponding percentage:



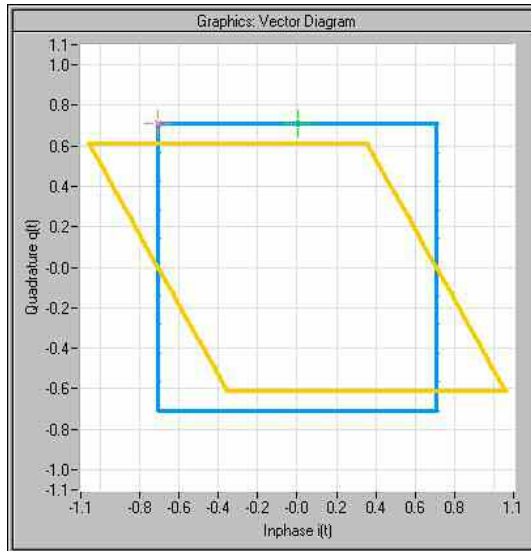
Remote-control command:

SOUR:IQ:IMP:IQR:MAGN -5PCT

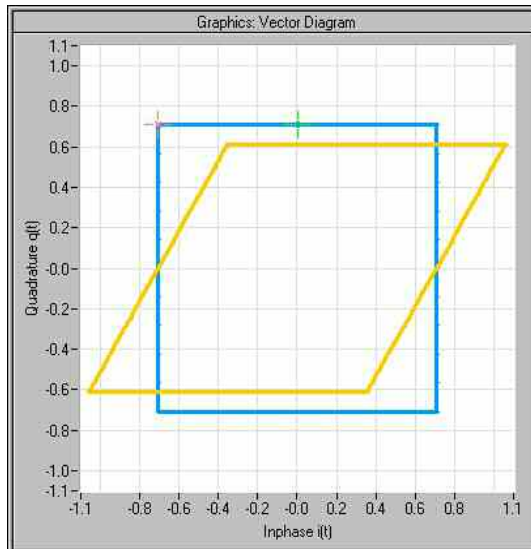
**Quadrature Offset - I/Q Mod** Sets the quadrature offset.

An ideal I/Q modulator sets the phase angle to exactly 90 degrees. With a quadrature offset, the phase angle between the I and Q vector deviates from the ideal 90 degrees, the amplitudes of both components are of the same size. In the vector diagram, the quadrature offset causes the coordinate system to shift.

A positive quadrature offset means a phase angle greater than 90 degrees:



A negative quadrature offset means a phase angle less than 90 degrees:



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:IMP:QUAD:ANGL 4DEG

The I/Q control can be swapped and the optimized setting for wideband signals can be selected in the middle section of the menu.

### I/Q-Swap - I/Q Mod

Selects normal or swapped I/Q control for an external analog signal. The modulation sidebands are inverted by swapping the I and Q signals.

This parameter enables I/Q modulation to be performed on signals according to IS2000 (cdma2000 standard) and the majority of all other standards. As a result, an I/Q demodulator defined according to IS2000 can also be used for demodulating the generated signals.

The I/Q modulator defined in the IS2000 standard differs from the definition in the R&S Vector Signal Generator. The definition on which the R&S Vector Signal Generator is based is used by virtually all digital communication standards (except IS95 and IS2000).

In the final step, the filtered I/Q signal is modulated to the desired RF in a different way in the I/Q modulator:

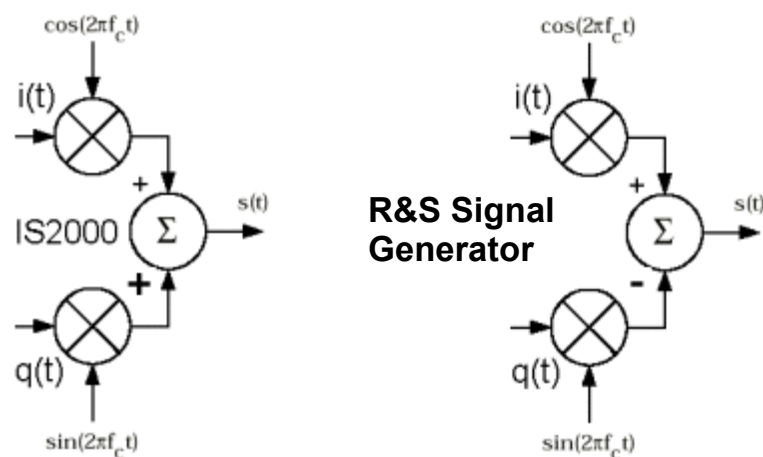


Figure 4-1 Definition of I/Q modulator in IS2000 and R&S Vector Signal Generator

According to IS2000, the RF signal  $s(t)$  is derived from the baseband I/Q signal as follows:

$$s(t) = i(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) + q(t) \sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

The R&S Vector Signal Generator is based on the following definition:

$$s(t) = i(t) \cos(2\pi f_c t) - q(t) \sin(2\pi f_c t)$$

**I/Q Swap** must now be set to **On** so that an I/Q modulator defined according to IS2000 can cope with the RF signal generated by the R&S Vector Signal Generator.

**Off** I/Q control is normal.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:SWAP:STAT OFF

**On** The I and Q signals are swapped.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:SWAP:STAT ON

**I/Q-Wideband - I/Q Mod** Optimized setting for wideband modulation signals (>5 MHz).  
The modulation frequency response is decreased at the expense of poorer harmonic suppression. This is achieved by shifting the switching frequencies of the lowpass filters in the output section.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:WBST ON

In the bottom section of the menu the crest factor is input for the external signal and the gain is selected for the internal and external signal (**Analog Wideband I/Q Input** or **Internal Baseband**).

**Crest Factor - I/Q Mod** (Analog Wideband I/Q Input only) Sets the crest factor of the external analog signal.

The crest factor gives the difference in level between the peak envelope power (PEP) and average power value (RMS) in dB.

This value is necessary to allow the correct output power to be generated at the RF output. When the set output power is generated, the R&S Vector Signal Generator uses this value to compensate the average power which is lower compared to the peak power.

The maximum input voltage at the I/Q input is equated to the peak power and is used as the "reference" for setting the level of the output signal. Since the signal does not usually supply the peak power at a constant level and instead supplies a lower average power, the crest factor specifies how many dB have to be added internally so that the correct output power is achieved.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:CRES 10

**Baseband Gain-Gain - I/Q Mod** Optimizes the modulation of the I/Q modulator for any measurement requirement.

The modulation is determined by selecting the gain.

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*Note:*

***The remote-control commands to be used depend on the selected I/Q input signal (SOURce:IQ:SOURce ANALog | BASEband). For the Analog Wideband I/Q input signal (SOURce:IQ:SOURce ANALog), the commands of system SOURce:IQ:GAIN are valid. For the internal or external Baseband I/Q input signal (SOURce:IQ:SOURce BASEband), the commands of system SOURce:BB:IQGain are valid.***

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**Auto** (digital baseband signal only)

With this setting, the modulation is automatically optimized for the internally set baseband signal.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:IQG AUTO (digital I/Q signal)

**- 3dB (Low Distortion)** Activates -3 dB gain. With this setting, signal distortions are minimized.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:GAIN DBM3 (analog I/Q signal)  
SOUR:BB:IQG DBM3 (digital I/Q signal)

- 0 dB (Standard)**    Activates 0 dB gain

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:GAIN DB0 (analog I/Q signal)  
SOUR:BB:IQG DB0 (digital I/Q signal)
- 3 dB (High  
3GPP ACLR)**    Activates 3 dB gain. This setting is recommended  
for 3GPP signals with very high adjacent channel  
power ratio (ACPR).

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:GAIN DB3 (analog I/Q signal)  
SOUR:BB:IQG DB3 (digital I/Q signal)
- 6dB (Low  
Noise)**    Activates 6 dB gain. With this setting, signal noise  
is minimized.

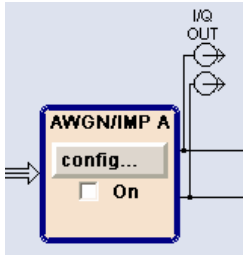
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:GAIN DB6 (analog I/Q signal)  
SOUR:BB:IQG DB6 (digital I/Q signal)



# Impairment of Digital I/Q Signal and Noise Generator - AWGN-IMP Block

The R&S Vector Signal Generator allows the digital I/Q signal to be impaired before it is passed on to the I/Q modulator, and also noise to be added to the signal. The noise generator can also be used to generate a pure noise signal.

These settings are available in the block diagram in the "**AWGN / IMP**" function block as well as in the menu with the same name which is opened using the **[MENU]** key .

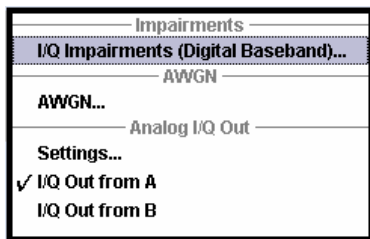


The equipment options for the basic unit (R&S SMATE with frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x) include the option R&S SMATE-B13 (Baseband Main Module) for **Impairments** and the option R&S SMATE-K62 (Noise Generator) for **AWGN**.

Two-path instruments require a second RF path (option R&S SMATE-B20x) and a second R&S SMATE-B13 option (Baseband Main Module) for impairment of a signal on Path B. Noise can be generated alternately for both paths using an option R&S SMATE-K62 (Noise Generator). Simultaneous noise generation on both paths requires a second option.

The single ended or differential output (option R&S SMATE-B16, Differential Output) is configured in the **I/Q Out** dialog.

In case of two-path instruments, these connectors can be assigned either to Path A or Path B.



## Introduction - Impairments

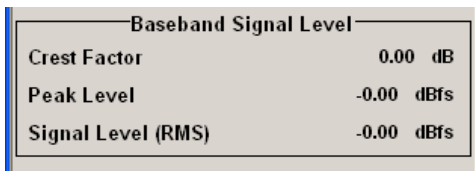
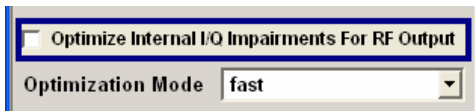
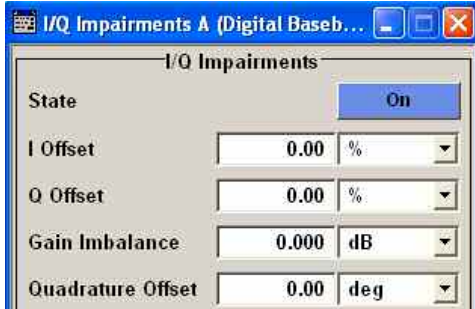
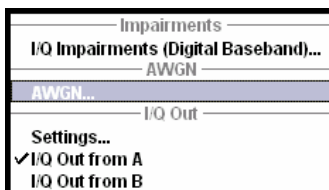
Impairment of the digital I/Q signal prior to input into the I/Q modulator can be used, for example, to compensate the distortion of a test object or to check the effect of a disturbed signal on a test object. For this purpose, the I/Q signal can be output at the **I/Q Out** outputs. On the other hand, the I/Q impairments used internally for compensating signal distortion can be deactivated by the I/Q modulator in order to, for example, test its own baseband components.

Note:

**In addition to impairment of the digital I/Q signal, the R&S Vector Signal Generator also allows impairment of the analog signal to be set in the I/Q modulator. The relevant settings are made in the I/Q Mod function block (see the section "I/Q Modulation", on page 4.106).**

## Impairment Settings Menu

The **Impairment Settings** menu for setting the digital I/Q impairments is opened either in the **AWGN / IMP** function block or using the **[MENU]** key (CTRL+M) under **AWGN / IMP**.



I/Q impairment is activated and set in the **I/Q Impairments** section.

Internal compensation of signal distortions by the I/Q modulator is activated / deactivated in the middle section (Optimization).

The signal levels and the crest factor of the baseband signal at the I/Q output connectors are indicated in the section **Baseband Signal Level**.

This information is needed by the user, for example, in order to use the I/Q signal externally and to adjust the level correctly there, or to see how the signal is modulated.

Baseband Signal Level Measurement	
State	Off
Signal Source	Baseband w/o AWGN
Duration [HH:MM:SS]	00:05:01
Remaining Time [HH:MM:SS]	00:00:00
Crest Factor	0.00 dB
Peak Level	0.00 dBFS
Signal Level (RMS)	0.00 dBFS

Information on the baseband I/Q signal during measurement is indicated in the section **Baseband Signal Level Measurement**. Level, crest factor and duration of the measurement can be displayed for a I/Q signal either with or without interfering (AWGN).

**Note:**

**Monitoring the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal requires the baseboard version "DacBoard 1141.8190.02" or higher. Up to baseboard version DacBoard 1141.8090.xx only the calculated signal levels are provided. The currently equipped DacBoard is listed in the dialog Setup System Hardware Config, section Baseband Assembly.**

I/Q impairment is activated and set in the **I/Q Impairments** section.

**State - Digital Impairments** Activates/deactivates digital I/Q impairment.

When activated, the settings for carrier leakage, I/Q imbalance and quadrature offset become effective.

Internal predistortion for compensating the I/Q modulator is not influenced by this setting.

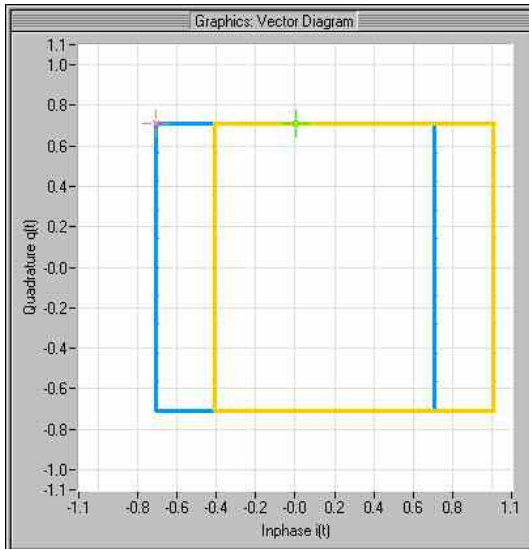
Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:IMP:STAT ON

**I/Q Offset - Digital Impairments**

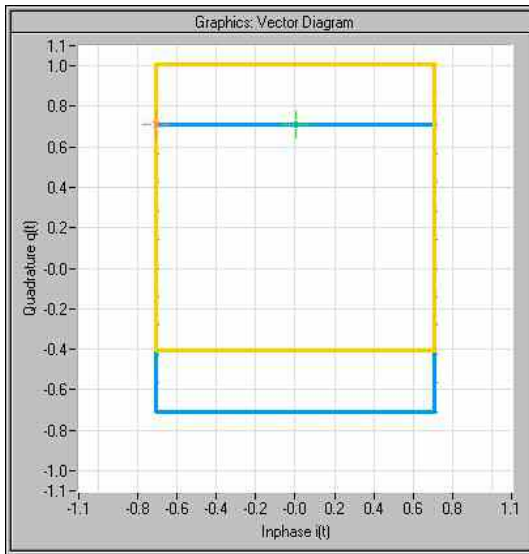
Sets the carrier leakage (in percent) of the amplitudes (scaled to the peak envelope power (PEP)) for the I and/or Q signal component.

An ideal I/Q modulator suppresses the carrier leakage completely (offset = 0 percent). If an offset is entered for a component, a carrier leakage with fixed amplitude is added to the signal. In the diagram, all I values or Q values are offset by a fixed amplitude value depending on the entered percentage.

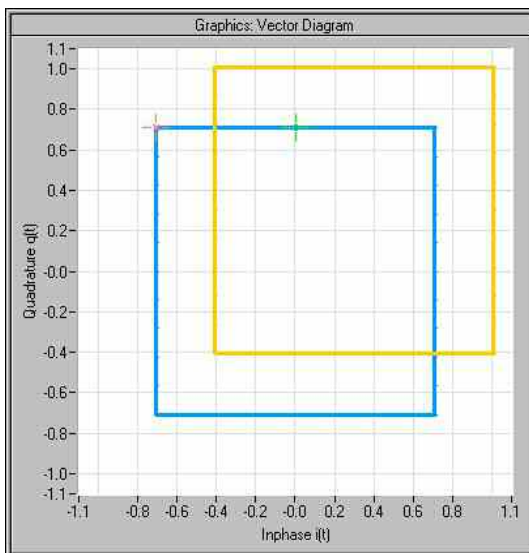
Effect of offset for the I component:



Effect of offset for the Q component:



Effect of an identical offsets for both signal components:



Remote-control commands:

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SOUR:BB:IMP:LEAK:I 6PCT  
SOUR:BB:IMP:LEAK:Q 6PCT
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**Gain Imbalance - Digital Impairments**

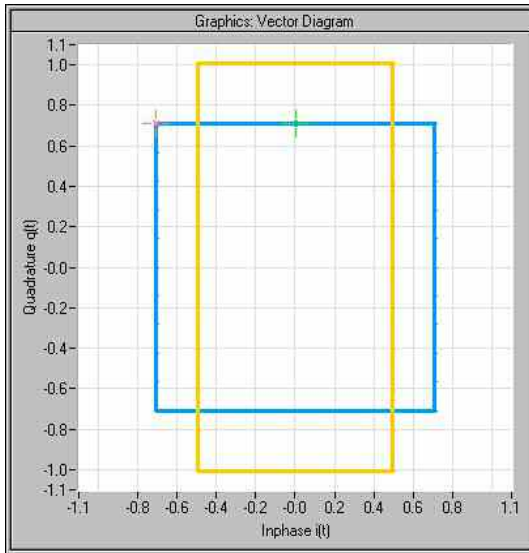
Sets the imbalance of the I and Q vector.

The entry is made in dB (default) or %, where 1 dB offset is roughly 12 % according to the following:

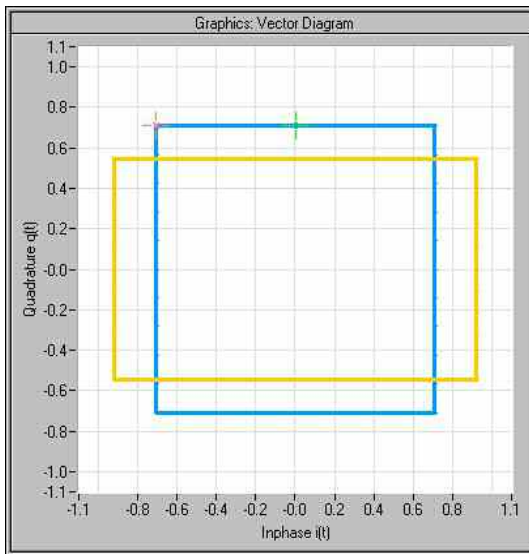
$$\text{Imbalance [dB]} = 20\log ( | \text{Gain}_Q | / | \text{Gain}_I | )$$

An ideal I/Q modulator amplifies the I and Q signal path by exactly the same degree. The imbalance corresponds to the difference in amplification of the I and Q channel and therefore to the difference in amplitude of the signal components. In the vector diagram, the length of the I vector changes relative to the length of the Q vector.

Positive values mean that the Q vector is amplified more than the I vector by the corresponding percentage:



Negative values mean that the I vector is amplified more than the Q vector by the corresponding percentage:



Remote-control command:

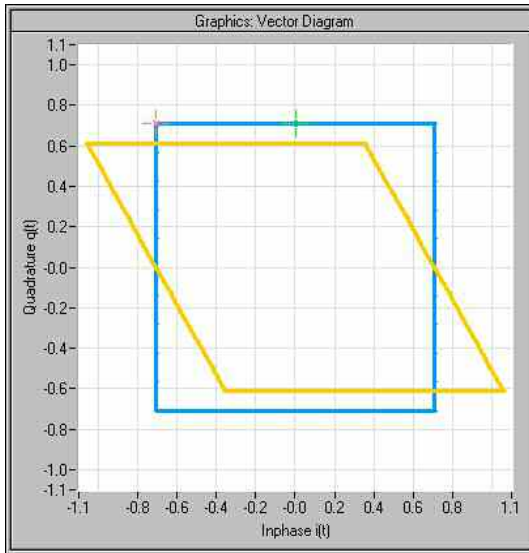
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SOUR:BB:IMP:IQR 0.1
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**Quadrature Offset - Digital Impairments**

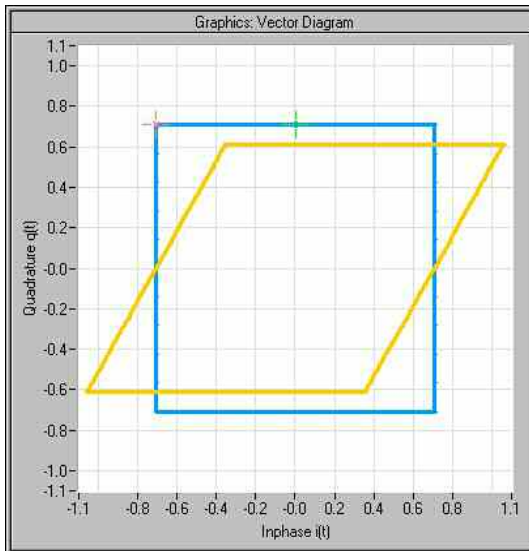
Sets the quadrature offset.

An ideal I/Q modulator sets the phase angle to exactly 90 degrees. With a quadrature offset, the phase angle between the I and Q vector deviates from the ideal 90 degrees, the amplitudes of both components are of the same size. In the vector diagram, the quadrature offset causes the coordinate system to shift.

A positive quadrature offset means a phase angle greater than 90 degrees:



A negative quadrature offset means a phase angle less than 90 degrees:



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:IMP:QUAD:ANGL 5DEG

**Optimize internal IQ-Impairments for RF Output - Digital Impairments** Activates/deactivates internal compensation of signal distortions by the I/Q modulator.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:IMP:OPT:STAT ON

**Optimization Mode - Digital Impairments** Selects the optimization mode.

**Fast** Optimization is reached by compensation for I/Q skew.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:IMP:OPT:MODE FAST

**High Quality** Optimization is reached by compensation for I/Q skew and frequency response correction.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:IMP:OPT:MODE QHIG

The signal levels and the crest factor of the baseband signal at the I/Q outputs connectors are indicated in the section **Baseband Signal Level**.

**Crest Factor - Digital Impairments** Indicates the crest factor of the baseband signal.

The crest factor is calculated from the two level parameters as follows:

$$\text{Crest / dB} = \text{Peak\_Level/dBFs} - \text{Signal\_Level/dBFs}$$

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:CFAC?

**Peak Level - Digital Impairments** Indicates the peak level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale).

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:POW:PEAK?

**Signal Level (RMS)- Digital Impairments** Indicates the rms level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale).

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:POW:RMS?

Information on the baseband I/Q signal during measurement is indicated in the section **Baseband Signal Level Measurement**. Level, crest factor and duration of the measurement can be displayed for the signal either with or without interfering.

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*Note:*

**Monitoring the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal requires the baseboard version "DacBoard 1141.8190.02" or higher. Up to baseboard version DacBoard 1141.8090.xx only the calculated signal levels are provided.**

**The currently equipped DacBoard is listed in the dialog Setup System Hardware Config, section Baseband Assembly.**

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<b>State - Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Activates/deactivates the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal.</p> <p>When activated, information on the peak level, rms level and crest factor are indicated. Additionally the duration of the measurement can be set.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:STAT ON</p>
<b>Source - Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Selects the signal for the measurement. The signal level and crest factor can be retrieved either from the interference-free digital I/Q baseband signal or the signal superimposed by the noise generator AWGN.</p> <p><b>Baseband w/o AWGN</b>      Activates the measurement of the interference-free baseband signal.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:SOUR BB</p> <p><b>Baseband with AWGN</b>      Activates the measurement of the baseband signal after an AWGN noise signal is added.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:SOUR BAWG</p>
<b>Duration - Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Enters the time for the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal in the range of 1 s ... 3 h. The time is to be entered in format "hh:mm:ss".</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:DUR "00:15:30"</p>
<b>Remaining Time - Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Indicates the remaining time until the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal is completed. The time is displayed in format "hh:mm:ss".</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:RTIM?</p> <p>Response: "00:15:30"</p>
<b>Crest Factor - Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Indicates the crest factor of the baseband signal during measurement.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:CFAC?</p>
<b>Peak Level - Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Indicates the peak level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale) during measurement.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:POW:PEAK?</p>
<b>Signal Level (RMS)- Digital Impairments - Measurement</b>	<p>Indicates the rms level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale) during measurement.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MEAS:POW:RMS?</p>



## Introduction - Noise Generator - AWGN

The noise generator generates an AWGN signal (Additive White Gaussian Noise) in the digital baseband, i.e. the noise power density has a Gaussian distribution and is distributed evenly across the frequency. This noise signal superimposes the (interference-free) useful signal (**Additive Noise** mode). Typical applications for the noise generator are bit-error or block-error measurements, depending on the set C/N ratio.

The Gaussian noise is generated by means of feedback shift registers with subsequent probability transformation. The switching configuration is such that virtually ideal statistical characteristics are achieved:

- I and Q paths are decorrelated from each other.
- The crest factor of 18 dB allows very small probabilities to be realized.
- The period of the noise signal depends on the selected system bandwidth. The relationship of period P to system bandwidth B<sub>sys</sub> is approximated:  

$$P \approx 1 \cdot 10^{13} / B_{\text{sys}}$$

This results in periods between 317 years with minimum bandwidth and approximately 2 days with maximum bandwidth.

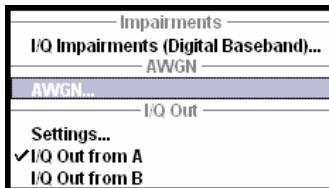
This results in a period of approximately one month for 3GPP FDD with a bandwidth of 3.84 Mcps, and a period of 427 days for GSM with 270.833 kcps.

Scalable low-pass filters are used to produce a noise level with both a broad dynamic range and a broad bandwidth range (from 1 kHz to 60 MHz).

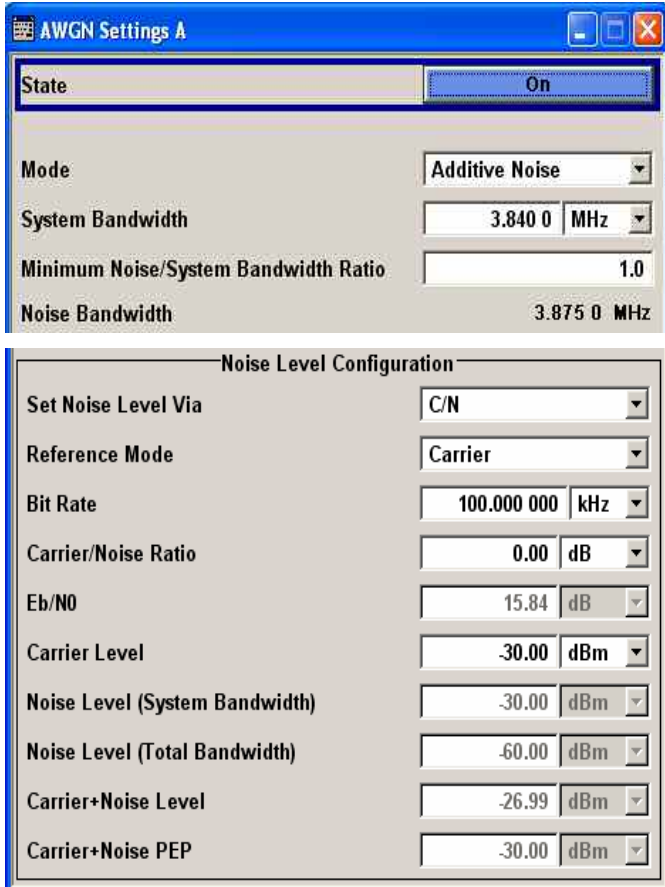
Apart from the **Additive Noise** mode, there are also the **Noise Only** and the **CW Interferer** mode. In the **Noise Only** mode a pure noise signal is generated and modulated to the carrier. In the **CW Interferer** mode, a sinusoidal signal with an adjustable frequency offset to the baseband signal is generated and added to the baseband signal by means of a counter instead of a shift register.

## AWGN Settings Menu

The **AWGN Settings** menu for setting the noise generator is opened either in the **AWGN / IMP** function block or in the menu tree of the **MENU** key under **AWGN Settings**.



The **AWGN Settings** menu is divided into the following sections.



The RFI signal generator is activated, the mode selected and the interfering signal is configured in the top section of the menu.

The level of the interfering signal is configured in the **Noise Level Configuration** section.

In **Additive Noise** and **CW interferer** mode, the interfering level can be defined and the resulting total level displayed here.

In **Noise Only** mode, only the noise level can be set here.

The RFI signal generator is activated, the mode selected and the interfering signal is configured in the top section of the menu.

**State - AWGN**

Activates/deactivates the RFI signal generator. The interferer (AWGN or CW interferer, depending on the selected mode) is generated as after the generator is activated.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:AWGN:STAT ON`

**Mode - AWGN**

Selects the mode for generating the interfering signal.

**Additive Noise**

The AWGN noise signal with selectable system bandwidth is added to the baseband signal.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD`

**Noise Only**

The pure AWGN noise signal with selectable system bandwidth is modulated to the carrier. The connection to the baseband is interrupted.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:AWGN:MODE ONLY`

**CW Interferer** A sine with a defined frequency offset is added to the baseband signal. The calculation of  $E_b / N_0$  ratio is omitted.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:MODE CW

**System Bandwidth - AWGN** (Additive Noise and Noise Only) Sets the RF bandwidth to which the set carrier/noise ratio relates.

Within this frequency range, the signal is superimposed with a noise signal whose level corresponds exactly to the set C/N ratio.

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*Note:*

***The noise signal is not generated arbitrarily for a particular bandwidth, but instead it is generated in steps. Noise therefore also occurs outside the set system bandwidth.***

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Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:BWID 1.23 MHz

**Minimum Noise/System Bandwidth Ratio - AWGN** (Additive Noise and Noise Only) Sets the ratio of minimum noise bandwidth to system bandwidth.

The noise signal is not generated arbitrarily for a particular bandwidth, but instead it is generated in steps. Noise therefore also occurs outside the set system bandwidth.

With this parameter the minimum real noise bandwidth can be set as required by some standards. It does not influence the calculation of level from the set C/N ratio in relation to system bandwidth.

The overall bandwidth "System BW x Minimum Noise/System BW Ratio" may not exceed 80 MHz.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:BWID:RAT 2

**Noise Bandwidth - AWGN** (Additive Noise and Noise Only) Indicates the real noise bandwidth. The value is only indicated for **State On**.

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*Note:*

***The noise signal is not generated arbitrarily for a particular bandwidth, but instead it is generated in steps. Noise therefore also occurs outside the set system bandwidth.***

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Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:BWID:NOIS?

**Target CW Frequency - AWGN** Sets the desired frequency of the sine in **CW Interferer** mode.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:FREQ:TARG 3.4 MHz

**Resulting CW Frequency - AWGN** Indication of the actual CW frequency of the sinusoidal signal in **CW Interferer** mode. The actual frequency may differ from the desired frequency, since the resolution is limited to 0.7 Hz.

*Note:*

***The desired frequency constellation can be precisely set with an accuracy of up to 0.01 Hz by selecting a suitable frequency offset of the baseband source (e.g. Custom Dig Mod) and by correcting the RF frequency by the difference between Resulting and Target CW Frequency.***

Remote-control command:

SOUR:AWGN:FREQ:RES?

The interfering signal is configured in the **Noise Level Configuration** section.

**Set Noise Level via - AWGN** (Additive Noise only) Selects the mode for setting the noise level .

### C/N

The noise level is set on the basis of the value entered for the carrier/noise ratio.

With digital modulation, the associated  $E_b/N_0$  value is determined and displayed

Remote-control command:

SOUR:AWGN:POW:MODE CN

### $E_b/N_0$

The noise level is set on the basis of the value entered for the ratio of bit energy to noise power density.

The associated C/N value is displayed. The correlation between the two values is as follows:

$$\frac{C}{N} = \frac{E_b}{N_0} \cdot \frac{f_{bit}}{B_{sys}}$$

$f_{bit}$  = Bit rate (Symbol rate x Modulation value)

$B_{sys}$  = System bandwidth

With **Custom Dig Mod** signals, the bit rate used for calculation is defined by the selected standard in the **Custom Digital Mod** menu.

With **Digital Standard** signals, the bit rate to be used for calculating the  $E_b/N_0$  can be entered at **Bit Rate**.

Some test cases with the 3GPP base station tests (TS 25.141) specify, for example, E/N settings that apply to channel-coded data or block segments.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:AWGN:POW:MODE EN

<b>Reference Mode - AWGN</b>	<p>(Additive Noise and CW Interferer) Select reference mode if the C/N or <math>E_b/N_0</math> ratio is changed.</p> <p><b>Carrier</b> If the C/N value or <math>E_b/N_0</math> value changes, the carrier level is kept constant and the noise level is adjusted. This is the standard procedure for measuring the bit error rate versus the noise power.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AWGN:POW:RMOD CARR</p> <p><b>Noise</b> If the C/N value or <math>E_b/N_0</math> value changes, the noise level is kept constant and the carrier level is adjusted.</p> <p>Some test cases of 3GPP Base Station Tests (TS 25.141) specify, for example, that the noise power be permanently set as a function of the base station power class, whereas the carrier power is variable.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AWGN:POW:RMOD NOIS</p>
<b>Bit Rate - AWGN</b>	<p>(Additive Noise only) Sets or indicates the bit rate used for converting C/N to <math>E_b/N_0</math>.</p> <p><b>Custom Digital Mod:</b></p> <p>With <b>Custom Digital Mod</b> signals, the bit rate used is indicated here. It is defined by the choice of the standard in the <b>Custom Digital Mod</b> menu.</p> <p><b>Digital Standard:</b></p> <p>With <b>Digital Standard</b> signals, the bit rate used for converting C/N to <math>E_b/N_0</math> is set here.</p> <p>When generating a <b>Digital Standard</b>, it is thus possible to select which bit rate is to be used for calculating the ratio of bit energy to noise power density, e.g. the bit rate before or after channel coding.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:AWGN:BRAT 3.4E6</p>
<b>Carrier Noise Ratio - AWGN</b>	<p>(Additive Noise and CW Interferer only) Sets the carrier/noise ratio.</p> <p><b>Reference Mode Carrier</b></p> <p>This entry determines the RFI power in the <b>Reference Mode Carrier</b> and thus the power of the output signal. It does not affect the power of the useful signal, i.e. the carrier power remains constant.</p> <p><b>Reference Mode Noise</b></p> <p>This entry determines the power of the useful signal in the <b>Reference Mode Noise</b>, i.e. the carrier power. The RFI power remains constant.</p> <p>The level of the noise signal which is derived from the entered C/N value is displayed in the menu under <b>Noise Level</b>. The value is displayed automatically in the units of the useful signal.</p> <p>The level of the useful signal is displayed in the menu under <b>Carrier Level</b> and can also be changed there. The displayed value corresponds to the value in the <b>Level</b> display field.</p>

**Eb N0 - AWGN**

The level of the output signal is displayed under **Carrier Level + Noise**.

If **Set Noise Level via Eb/N0** is selected, the associated C/N value is displayed here.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:AWGN:CNR 10 dB

(Additive Noise only) Sets the ratio of bit energy to noise power density in **Additive Noise** mode.

**Reference Mode Carrier**

This entry determines for **Reference Mode Carrier** the noise level and therefore also the level of the output signal. It does not affect the level of the useful signal, i.e. the carrier level is kept constant.

**Reference Mode Noise**

This entry determines for **Reference Mode Noise** the level of the useful signal, i.e. the carrier level. the noise level is kept constant.

The level of the noise signal which is derived from the entered Eb/N0 value is displayed under **Noise Level**. The value is displayed automatically in the units of the useful signal.

The level of the useful signal is displayed in the menu under **Carrier Level**. The displayed value corresponds to the value in the **Level** display field.

The level of the output signal is displayed under **Carrier Level + Noise**.

If **Set Noise Level via C/N** is selected, the associated Eb/N<sub>0</sub> value is displayed here.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:AWGN:ENR 10 dB

**Carrier Level - AWGN**

**(Additive Noise and CW Interferer)**

**Reference Mode Carrier**

Sets the carrier level for **Reference Mode Carrier**. This entry corresponds to the level entered in the **Level** header.

The level of the noise signal which is derived from the entered C/N value is displayed under **Noise Level**. The value is displayed automatically in the units of the useful signal.

**Reference Mode Noise**

Indicates the carrier level which is derived from the entered C/N value for **Reference Mode Noise**. This indication corresponds to the level indicated in the **Level** header.

The noise level can be set under **Noise Level**.

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*Note:*

***The peak envelope power (PEP) specified in the header corresponds to the PEP value of the carrier. The PEP value of the overall signal is displayed in the menu under Carrier +Noise PEP.***

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Remote-control command:

SOUR:AWGN:POW:CARR 10 dBm

**Noise Level (System Bandwidth) - AWGN****Noise Only mode:**

Sets the level of the noise signal.

In this mode, this entry corresponds to the level entered in the **Level** header.

**Additive Noise mode:****Reference Mode Noise**

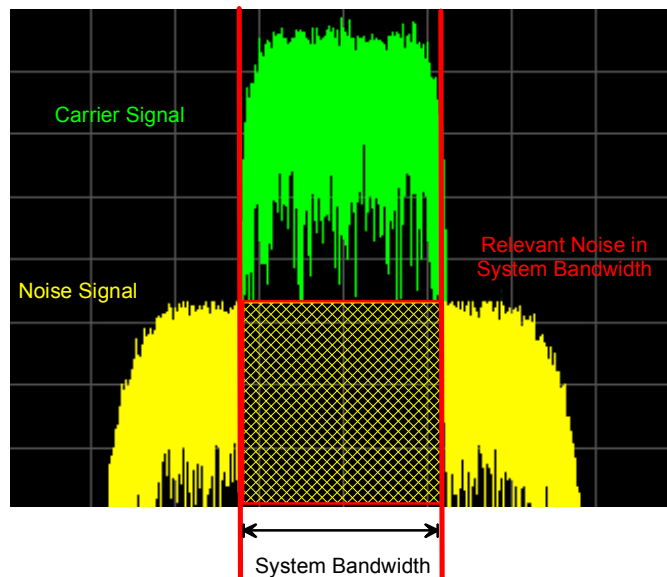
Sets the level of the noise signal. The level of the carrier is derived from the entered C/N or  $E_b/N_0$  value.

**Reference Mode Carrier**

Displays the level of the noise signal in the system bandwidth. The level of the noise signal is derived from the entered C/N or  $E_b/N_0$  value. The carrier level is entered under **Carrier Level**.

**Note:**

*The noise signal is not generated arbitrarily for a particular bandwidth, but instead it is generated in steps. Noise therefore also occurs outside the set system bandwidth. This means that the total measurable noise level (see below) usually exceeds the value displayed here. Correct measurement of the noise level within the system bandwidth is possible by means of channel power measurement using a signal analyzer.*

**Additive CW Interferer mode:****Reference Mode Noise**

Sets the level of the interfering signal. The level of the carrier is derived from the entered C/N value.

**Reference Mode Carrier**

Displays the level of the interfering signal. The level of the interfering signal is derived from the entered C/N value. The carrier level is entered under **Carrier Level**.

**Remote-control command:**

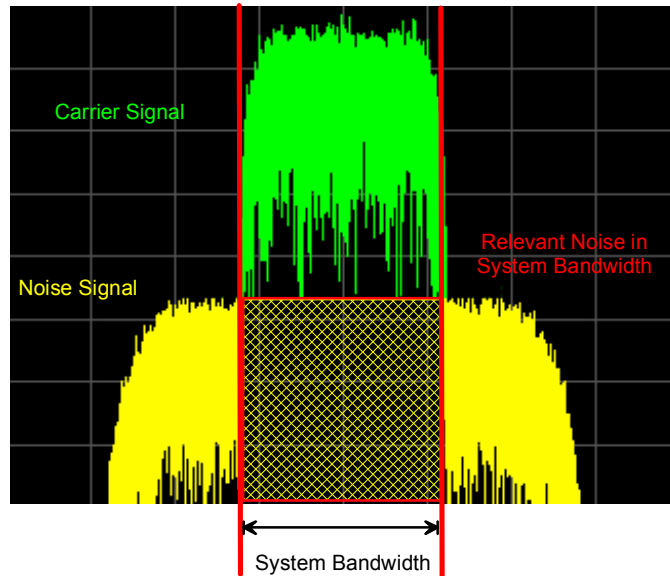
SOUR:AWGN:POW:NOIS 10 dBm

**Noise Level (Total Bandwidth) - AWGN**

Displays the level of the noise signal in the total bandwidth in **Noise Only** and **Additive Noise** mode:

**Note:**

*The noise signal is not generated arbitrarily for a particular bandwidth, but instead it is generated in steps. Noise therefore also occurs outside the set system bandwidth. This means that the total measurable noise level usually exceeds the value of the noise level in the system bandwidth. Correct measurement of the noise level within the system bandwidth is possible by means of channel power measurement using a signal analyzer.*



Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:POW:NOIS:TOT?  
 Response: 19 dB

**Carrier + Noise Level - AWGN**

(Additive Noise and CW Interferer) Displays the overall level of the noise signal plus useful signal.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:POW:SUM?

**Carrier + Noise PEP - AWGN**

(Additive Noise and CW Interferer) Displays the peak envelope power of the overall signal comprised of noise signal plus useful signal.

**Note:**

*The peak envelope power (PEP) specified in the header corresponds to the PEP value of the carrier.*

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:AWGN:POW:SUM:PEP?



## Output of the Baseband Signal - I/Q Out

The R&S Signal Generator provides various outputs of the baseband signal. Converted to an analog I/Q baseband signal the digitally modulated signal can be output single-ended or differential (non-inverted).

The settings dialogs for the analog and digital outputs are available in the block diagram in the "**AWGN / IMP**" function block as well as in the menu with the same name which is opened using the **[MENU]** key.

The single ended or differential output (option R&S SMATE-B16, Differential Output) is configured in the **Analog I/Q Output Settings** dialog.

<b>IQ Out - AWGN - IMP Block</b>	Selects the path to which the I/Q output connectors are assigned (two-path instruments only).
<b>Settings....</b>	Opens the submenu to set the output type and voltages, see following section " <a href="#">Differential I/Q Output</a> ". The menu is only available when option Differential Outputs (R&S SMATE-B16) is fitted.  Remote-control command: n . a .
<b>I/Q Out from A</b>	The I/Q output connectors are assigned to Path A.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:IQO:SOUR A
<b>I/Q Out from B</b>	The I/Q output connectors are assigned to Path B.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:IQO:SOUR B

## Differential I/Q Output

The differential output of the R&S Vector Signal Generator provides symmetrical signals for differential inputs of DUTs without the need of additional external electric network. The operating point of the inputs can be set by a definable DC-voltage (bias). In addition an offset between inverting and non-inverting output can be set to balance a difference of the best operating points.

The differential output can be assigned either to Path A or Path B (**Impairment** block - **I/Q Out**).

The equipment options for the basic unit (R&S SMATE with frequency option R&S SMATE-B10x) include the option R&S SMATE-B13 (Baseband Main Module) and the option R&S SMATE-B16 (Differential Output) for **I/Q Out....**

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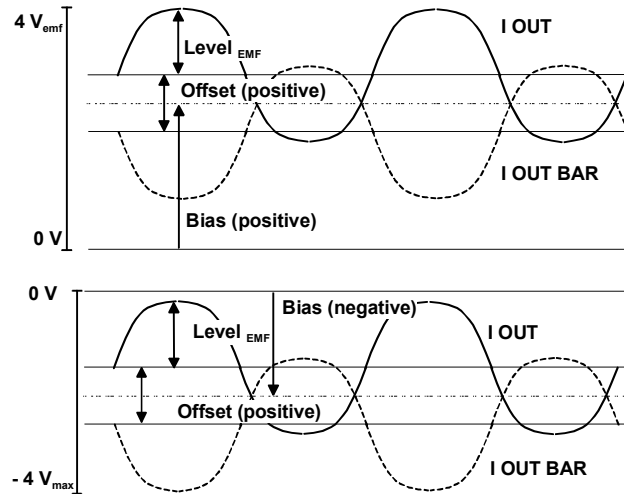
<b>Optimize IQ-Signals for RF Output - Differential Outputs - IMP Block</b>	Activates/deactivates optimization of level accuracy and imbalance for RF Output.  Level accuracy and imbalance can be either optimized for RF output (active) or for differential outputs (not active).  With a second option Baseband Main Module (R&S SMATE-B13) it is possible to optimize a signal for RF output in one path and for the differential output in the other path.  Remote-control command: SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:OPT:STAT ON
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**Output Type - Differential Outputs - IMP Block**

Selects the type of output. The menu changes depending on the selection

**Differential**

Differential output at **I OUT** and **I OUT BAR / Q OUT** and **Q OUT BAR**. The analog I/Q signal components are output at I/Q OUT and I/Q OUT BAR. A bias to set the operating point of DUT can be defined. In addition an offset between inverting and non-inverting output can be set to balance a difference of the best operating points.



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:OUTP:TYPE DIFF

**Single Ended**

Single-ended output at **I OUT** and **Q OUT**. A bias between I/Q OUT and ground can be defined.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:OUTP:TYPE SING

**Output Mode - Differential Outputs - IMP Block**

Selects the mode for setting the outputs - independent or together. The menu changes depending on the selection here.

**Fixed**

The settings for the I/Q signal components are fixed and cannot be changed.

**Level V<sub>p-p</sub> (EMF) (Single ended) = 1.0 V**

**Level V<sub>p-p</sub> (EMF) (Differential) = 2.0 V**

**Bias = 0 V**

**Offset = 0 V**

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:OUTP:MODE FIX

**Variable**

The settings for the I/Q signal components are not fixed and can be modified.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:IQ:OUTP:MODE VAR

**I/Q Level EMF - Differential Outputs - IMP Block**

Sets the output voltage for both signal components. Small differences at the inputs can be taken into account via impairment settings (see following section "[Impairment Settings Menu](#)").

**Differential Output:**

Value range:  $\pm 2,0$  Volt (corresponds to 0 ... 3.7 Volt open-circuit voltage). The maximum overall output voltage (**Level EMF + Bias + Offset**) is 3.7 volts.

**Single ended Output:**

Value range:  $\pm 1,0$  Volt (corresponds to 0 ... 2 Volt peak-peak).

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:IQ:OUTP:LEV 0.1
```

**Couple IQ Bias - Differential Outputs - IMP Block****Only available in output mode Variable!**

Activates/deactivates coupling of bias setting of the I-signal and Q-signal component. For activated coupling, the setting can be made for the I-signal component, it automatically applies to the Q-signal component as well. The fields for setting the Q-signal component are shaded.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:IQ:OUT:BIAS:COUP:STAT ON
```

In menu area **I Settings** and **Q Settings** the bias and offset settings are made.

**Bias - Differential Outputs - IMP Block**

(EMF) Sets the bias. A DC voltage is superimposed upon the I or Q signal. The maximum overall voltage (Level EMF + Bias + Offset) is 3.7 volts.

This way, the operating point of a DUT can be set.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I -0.5V
```

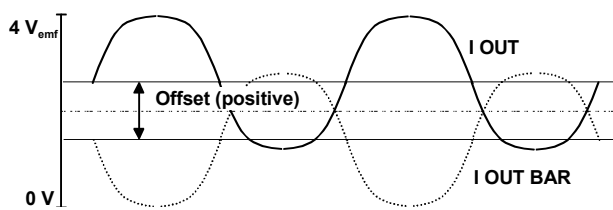
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SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:Q 0.5V
```

**Offset - Differential Outputs - IMP Block**

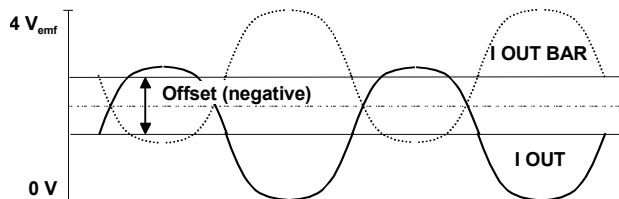
Sets an offset between the inverting and the non-inverting output. The maximum overall voltage (**Level EMF + Bias + Offset**) is 3.7 Volt. The set value is set half in the positive and half in the negative direction:

A positive offset is set with half of the value in positive direction at the non-inverting outputs, in negative direction at the inverting outputs, respectively.

For example, if a 100.0 mV offset value is set for the I signal component, the output signal at **I OUT** will have a 50.0 mV offset and the output signal at **I OUT BAR** will have a - 50.0 mV offset.



A negative offset is set with half of the value in negative direction at the non-inverting outputs, in positive direction at the inverting outputs, respectively.



This setting is available only for output type **Differential**.

Remote-control commands:

SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I 0.01V

SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:Q 0V

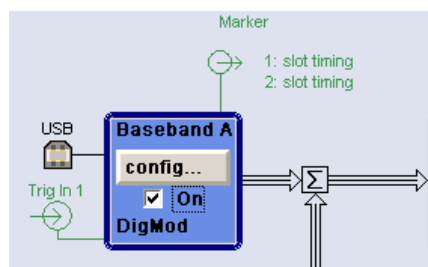
# Baseband Signal - Baseband

## Introduction - Baseband Signal

The R&S Signal Generator provides you with the ability to generate digital modulation signals in accordance with the definitions in the digital standards or with user-definable characteristics. Signals are generated in realtime or from a data store with the aid of external and internal data. You can also load externally computed modulation signals into the R&S Signal Generator in the form of waveform files.

Several digital standards are provided, plus digital modulation with user-definable signal characteristics, generation of waveforms with the aid of the Arbitrary Waveform Generator and generation of multi carrier CW signals with the aid of Multi Carrier CW.

The settings for digital modulation can be accessed in the block diagram via the "**Baseband**" function block or with the aid of the **[MENU]** key.



The equipment layout for generating the internal, digital modulation signals includes the options Baseband Main Module (B13) and one of the options Baseband Generator (B9/B10/B11). The three Baseband Generator options feature different ARB memory sizes (see data sheet). Apart from the memory size, however, the options offer the same functionality, either one can be installed.

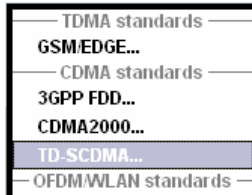
In addition, the appropriate option is required for the digital standards. These options are specified in the description of the respective standard.

The minimum equipment for a two-path instrument is a second R&S SMx-B9/B10/B11 option. This can be used simultaneously on the second path to generate a modulation signal which can either be routed via path A or added to the signal on path A with a frequency offset that can be set. In the case of a fully two-path layout (baseband and RF sections) path B can be operated as a second signal generator independently of path A (see chapter 2, 'Getting Started', and data sheet).

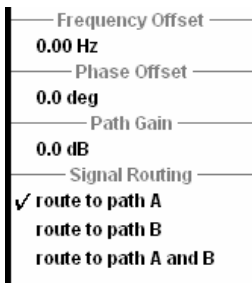
In the subsequent signal route the baseband signals can be frequency-shifted, detuned or loaded with noise (see sections "Menu Impairment Settings" and "Noise generator - AWGN").

## Signal Routing and Frequency Shifting

In the case of two-path instruments, signal routing, frequency offset and path gain definition are defined at the topmost menu level in the **Baseband** block or by using the **MENU** button under **Baseband**.



The upper part of the **Baseband** menu is used for selecting digital standards, digital modulation and waveform generation. These menus are described in the respective chapters relating to the modulation systems.



The lower part of the **Baseband** menu can be used to define a frequency offset, a path gain, a phase offset, and the signal routing for two-path instruments.

The **Frequency Offset** section is used to enter the frequency offset.

### Frequency Offset - Baseband

Enters the frequency offset for the baseband signal.

The offset affects the signal on the **Baseband block** output. It shifts the useful baseband signal in the center frequency.

#### Note:

*For sample rates of exactly 100 MHz (Mode **Digital Input (Native 100 MHz)**) it is not possible to enter a frequency offset. The digital signal is fed into the signal path directly and not routed to the resampler where the frequency offset takes place. This type of entry is also prohibited if the noise generator (AWGN block) is on.*

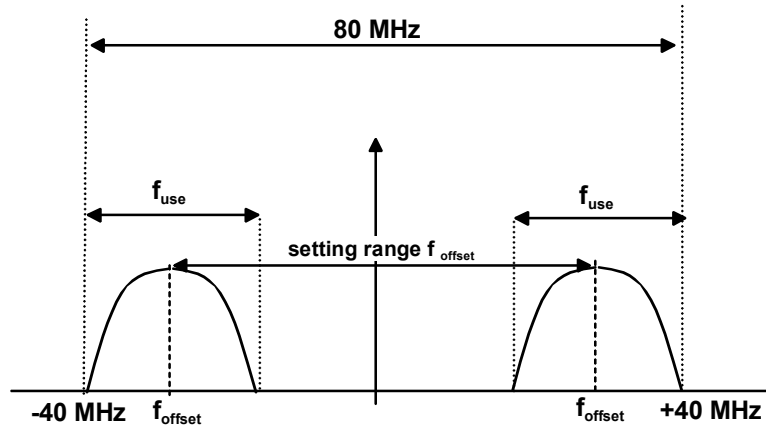
The complex I/Q bandwidth of the shifted useful signal must not exceed 80 MHz in total. The following applies:

$$f_{\text{offset}} - \frac{f_{\text{use}}}{2} \geq -80/2 \text{ MHz} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{\text{offset}} + \frac{f_{\text{use}}}{2} \leq +80/2 \text{ MHz}$$

$f_{\text{use}}$  = the complex useful bandwidth of the I/Q signal before the offset.

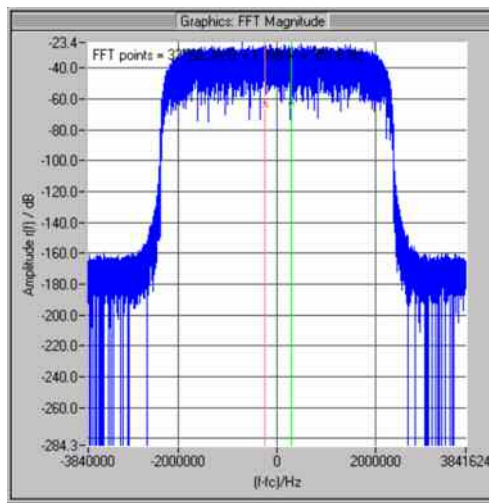
$f_{\text{offset}}$  = frequency offset.

The following graph illustrates the setting range for the frequency offset.



**Example:**

3GPP FDD signal (chip rate 3.84 Mcps, root-cosine filter 0.22).



The complex useful bandwidth of a signal which has been filtered using a root-cosine filter with roll off  $\alpha$  is calculated as follows:

$$f_{use} = (1 + \alpha) * f_{symbol}$$

$f_{symbol}$  = the symbol rate or chip rate of the signal.

In the example the complex useful bandwidth is calculated as follows:

$$F_{use} = (1 + 0.22) * 3.84 \text{ MHz} = 4.6848 \text{ MHz}.$$

So as to comply with the condition requiring a maximum I/Q bandwidth of 40 MHz, the valid range of values for the frequency offset is then:

$$-40\text{MHz} + \frac{4.6848 \text{ MHz}}{2} \leq f_{offset} \leq 40\text{MHz} - \frac{4.6848 \text{ MHz}}{2} =$$

$$-35.3152\text{MHz} \leq f_{offset} \leq 35.3152\text{MHz}$$

In the case of ARB signals, the output clock rate can be used for estimating the maximum I/Q bandwidth of the waveform.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:FOFF 2MHZ

The **Phase Offset** section is used to enter the relative path gain.

**Phase Offset - Baseband** Enters the phase offset for the baseband signal of the selected path compared to the baseband signal of the other path and/or of the external baseband input.

The gain affects the signal on the **Baseband block** output.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:POFF 0.4DEG
```

The **Path Gain** section is used to enter the relative path gain.

**Path Gain - Baseband** Enters the path gain for the baseband signal of the selected path compared to the baseband signal of the other path and/or of the external baseband input.

The gain affects the signal on the **Baseband block** output.

The **Path Gains** of the different baseband sources (Baseband A and Baseband B) define the relative gain of the associated signals. The real gain depends on the following parameters along with the set path gain:

- Signal characteristics, in particular the crest factor
- Number of baseband sources
- Overall RF output level.

The sum baseband signal can be verified in the spectrum display in the **Graphics** block.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:PGA 2 dB
```

The **Signal Routing** section is used to define the signal route for two-path instruments.

**Signal Routing - Baseband** Selects the signal route for the baseband signal of a two-path instrument. The following table shows the combination of signal routes allowed for two-path instruments.

**Route to path A** The baseband signal is introduced into path A. The signals from both paths are summed if necessary.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ROUT A
```

**Route to path B** The baseband signal is introduced into path B. The signals from both paths are summed if necessary.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:ROUT B
```

**Route to path A and B** The baseband signal is introduced into path A and path B. The signals from both paths are summed if necessary.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ROUT AB
```

Table 4-1 Combinations of signal routings for two-path instruments



## Data and Signal Sources in Baseband

This section describes the common characteristics of the signals used for generating the baseband signal for all standards, including for example all listed data sources. The selection in the digital menus at any given time depends on the parameter and standard concerned and is clear from the selection list offered in the menu. The external data sources may therefore not be available in certain cases.

Characteristics which are uniquely specific to particular standards are described in relation to the menu concerned.

The following input signals are used when digital modulation signals are being generated:

- Modulation data
- Clock signals
- Control signals

The input signals can be both internally generated and supplied from an external source. The internally generated data and clock signals are output not only on the DATA and Clock connectors but also on the corresponding pins of the AUX I/O interface.

In the case of two-path instruments, the external data and clock sources are permanently allocated to path A, and data output is always for path A. Likewise control signals and also trigger signals for triggering signal generation in the R&S Signal Generator can be internally generated or supplied from an external source.

Up to four marker output signals for synchronizing external instruments can be user-defined for each path.

Externally computed waveform files can be loaded via one of the computer interfaces (USB - memory stick, or Ethernet interface - network drive) or via the IEC bus in the instrument and generated with the aid of the Arbitrary Waveform Generator (ARB, see section "[Arbitrary Waveform Generator ARB](#)", page 4.186). Internally the **Multi Carrier CW** menu for defining multi carrier waveforms is available (see section "[Multi Carrier Continuous Wave](#)", page 4.221).

### Internal PRBS Data and Data Patterns

PRBS generators deliver pseudo-random binary sequences of differing length and duration. They are known as maximum length sequences, and are generated with the aid of ring shift registers with feedback points determined by the polynomial.

By way of example, the diagram below shows a 9-bit generator with feedback to registers 4 and 0 (output).

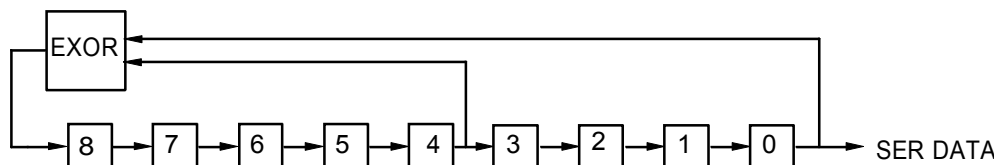


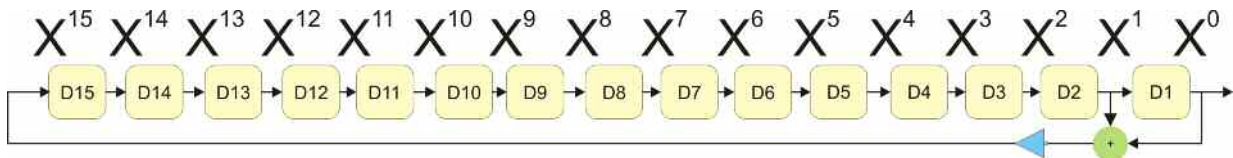
Fig. 4-1 9-bit PRBS generator

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#### Note:

*For PRBS15 and PRBS23, a CCITT V.52-compliant data inversion is performed in the feedback path automatically as shown below:*

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The pseudo-random sequence from a PRBS generator is uniquely defined by the register number and the feedback. The following table describes all the available PRBS generators:

Table 4-2 PRBS generators

PRBS generator	Length in bits	Feedback to	Menu selection
9-bit	$2^9 - 1 = 511$	Registers 4, 0	PRBS 9
11-bit	$2^{11} - 1 = 2047$	Registers 2, 0	PRBS 11
16-bit	$2^{16} - 1 = 65535$	Registers 5, 3, 2, 0	PRBS 16
20-bit	$2^{20} - 1 = 1048575$	Registers 3, 0	PRBS 20
21-bit	$2^{21} - 1 = 2097151$	Registers 2, 0	PRBS 21

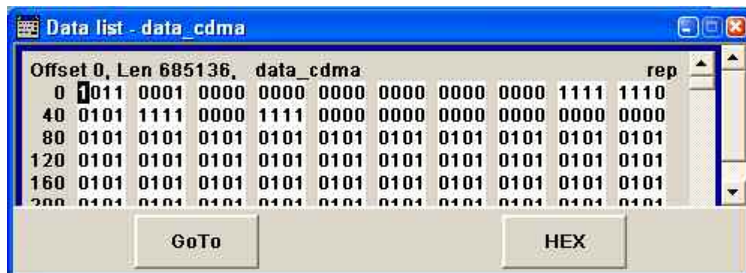
The **Data Source** selection for PRBS data from the menus is **PN09, ...**

Simple data patterns such as binary 0 strings or 1 strings can also be used as internal modulation data. The **Data Source** selection from the menus is **ALL 0, ALL1**. A variable bit string with a maximum length of 64 bits can be entered in an input field by selecting **Pattern**.

### Internal Modulation Data from Lists

Internal modulation data can be generated and stored in the form of binary lists. A separate file is created for each list and held on the R&S Signal Generator hard disk. The file name can be defined by the user.

The **Data Source** selection from the menus is **Data List**. When this menu item is chosen the **Select Data List** button appears; this opens the file-selection window for data lists. A list can be created and edited in the **Data List Editor**, which is accessed from the menu via the **List Management** or **Data List Management** button.

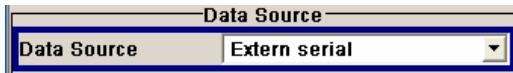


The maximum length of a data list is determined by the size of the data list memory (see data sheet). There is no restriction on the number of lists that can be stored.

## External Synchronous Modulation Data

### External Serial Modulation Data via the DATA Connector

For **Custom Digital Modulation**, serial modulation data can be supplied bit-by-bit via the DATA connector. The **Data Source** selection from the menu is **Extern Serial**. In the case of two-path instruments the DATA input is permanently allocated to path A.



In the case of modulation modes with more than 1 bit/symbol, the most significant bit (MSB) must be fed in first (MSB first).

The clock reference (symbol clock) used to read in the data can be either internal or external.

External serial data is output on the PARDATA pins of the AUX I/O interface as parallel data LSB-justified.

The maximum data rate for serial data processing can be found in the data sheet.

### External Parallel Modulation Data via the AUX I/O Interface

For **Custom Digital Modulation**, parallel data can be supplied symbol-by-symbol via the AUX I/O interface (D0 – D9). The **Data Source** selection from the menu is **Extern Parallel**. In the case of two-path instruments the data lines from the AUX I/O interface are allocated to path A permanently.



In the case of modulation modes with fewer than 10 bits/symbol, the data must be applied LSB-justified. In the case of 8-PSK modulation for example (3 bits/symbol) only data lines D0, D1 and D2 are used.

The clock reference (symbol clock) used to read in the data can be either internal or external.

External parallel data is output on the DATA connector serially. However, there is a maximum data rate above which serial data processing becomes impossible and the DATA connector becomes high-impedance. The maximum data rate for parallel data processing is shown in the data sheet.

## Clock Signals

The clock reference used for generating the timing pulse can be either internal or external (**Clock Source** selection from the menu: **Internal** / **External**).

### Internal clock reference



When the internal clock reference is selected, the clock signals generated by the R&S Signal Generator are output on the following connectors:

CLOCK (front panel)	Bit clock
CLOCK OUT (rear panel)	Choice of bit clock or symbol clock
BITCLK (AUX I/O interface, rear panel)	Bit clock
SYMBCLK (AUX I/O interface, rear panel)	Symbol clock

If required, in the case of two-path instruments the internal bit clock or symbol clock from path B can be output on one of the USER interfaces. The clock output signals are assigned in the menu sequence **Setup-Environment - Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs - USER Marker /AUX I/O Settings**.

**External clock reference**



When the external clock reference is selected, it is always supplied via the CLOCK connector on the front panel. The internal clocks synchronized to it are output on the following connectors:

CLOCK OUT (rear panel)	Choice of bit clock or symbol clock
BITCLK (AUX I/O interface, rear panel)	Bit clock
SYMBCLK (AUX I/O interface, rear panel)	Symbol clock

The active edge of the external clock signal on the CLOCK input is selectable (menu **Setup-System-Global Trigger/Clock/External Inputs**). Internally the rising edge is always taken as the active edge. The active rising edge of the internal clocks is therefore synchronized with either the rising or the falling edge of the external clock reference. A symbol clock can be supplied externally or, if internally generated or externally asynchronous data is being fed in, a multiple of a symbol clock can be supplied.

In the case of two-path instruments the external clock signal is applied to path A.

In order for the clock synthesizer on the R&S Signal Generator to be synchronized correctly, the external clock reference must first be applied and the correct symbol rate must then be set. Until this has been done the external clock source must not be selected (**Clock Source External**).

**Note:**

*The symbol rate set must not deviate from the symbol rate of the external signal by more than 2% (see also data sheet).*

The synchronization of data signals and clock signals for the various data sources and clock sources is described in the following section.

**Synchronizing Data Signals and Clock Signals**

When selecting data signals and clock signals, the following operating modes are possible:

**Internal Clock and Internal Data**

When internal data is selected for path A, this data is output in serial mode on the DATA connector or in parallel mode on the PARADATA pins of the AUX I/O interface (**Custom Digital Modulation**).

In modulation modes with fewer than 10 bits/symbol, the parallel data is output LSB-justified. In the case of 8-PSK modulation for example (3 bits/symbol) only data lines D0, D1 and D2 are used.

In the following example, the diagram shows the output signals of an 8-PSK modulation (3 bits per symbol) on the serial DATA interface. The positive edge of the clock is always used when outputting data. The data source is a data list with 15 bits = 001 010 100 101 110 (5 symbols).

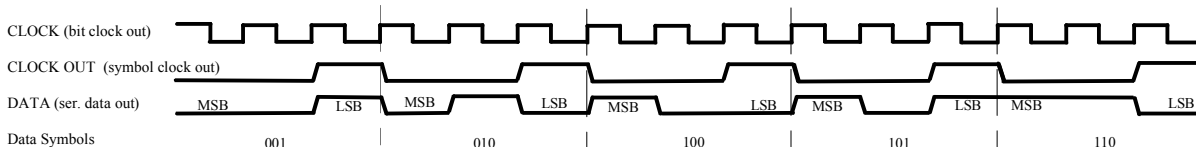


Fig. 4-2 Output signal on the serial data interface and clock output signals on the AUX I/O interface

There is a maximum data rate above which serial data processing becomes impossible. This data rate can be found in the data sheet. If the rate is exceeded the DATA connector becomes high-impedance, and the output on the CLOCK connector is the symbol clock instead of the bit clock.

In the following example, the diagram shows the output signals of an 8-PSK modulation (3 bits per symbol) on the parallel interface. The data source is a data list with 15 bits = 001 010 100 101 110 (5 symbols).

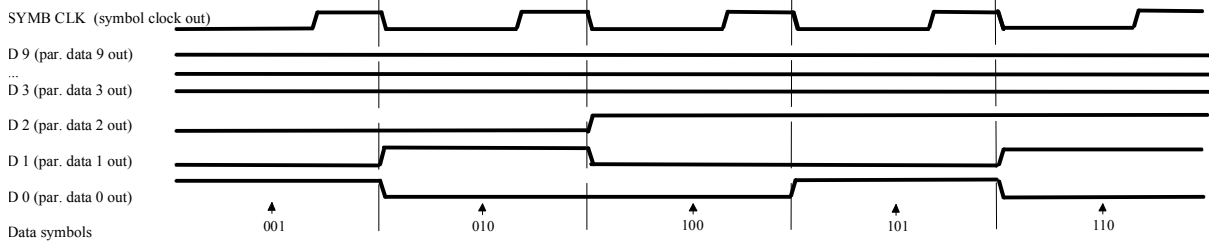


Fig. 4-3 Data and clock output signals on the parallel AUX I/O interface

In order for parallel external data to be retrieved correctly the rising edge of the symbol clock must be used, since the timing between the falling edge of the symbol clock and the data switch on the parallel interface is undefined.

**Internal Clock and External Synchronous Data**

**External serial data**

When serial data for **Custom Digital Modulation** is being fed in via the DATA connector on the front panel, the symbol clock acts as a scanning pulse (strobe) so as to mark the least significant bit in a symbol.

The clock signals are output on the CLOCK and CLOCK OUT connectors (front panel and rear panel respectively, choice of bit clock or symbol clock on the latter) and on the BITCLK or SYMBCLK pins on the AUX I/O interface. Optimum timing is achieved from using the output signal on the CLOCK connector on the front panel. The setup and hold times (see following diagram,  $t_{setup}$  and  $t_{hold}$ ) that must be maintained in the R&S Signal Generator to ensure that the serial data is accepted correctly can be found in the data sheet.

The following diagram illustrates the timing ratios between data and clock when serial data is being supplied from an external source and the internal clock source is being used.

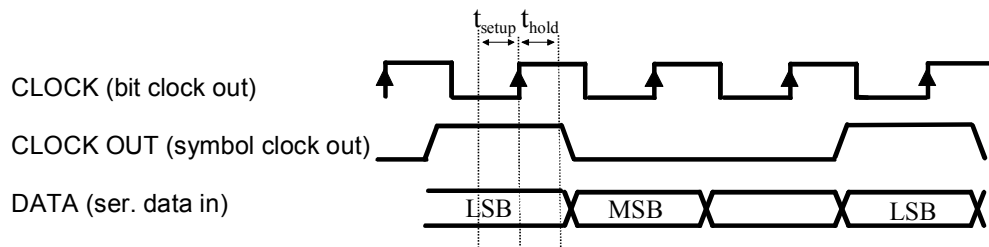


Fig. 4-4 External serial data and the clock signals which are output (bit clock and symbol clock). The setup time ( $t_{setup}$ ) and hold time ( $t_{hold}$ ) can be found in the data sheet.

**External parallel data**

When parallel data for **Custom Digital Modulation** is being fed in via the AUX I/O interface (D0 – D9), the internal symbol clock is used.

The symbol clock is output on the CLOCK OUT connector (rear panel, choice of bit clock or symbol clock) and on the SYMBCLK pin on the AUX I/O interface. Optimum timing is achieved by using the symbol clock on the SYMBCLK pin on the AUX I/O interface.

The setup and hold times (see following diagram,  $t_{setup}$  and  $t_{hold}$ ) that must be maintained in the R&S Signal Generator to ensure that the serial data is accepted correctly can be found in the data sheet.

The following diagram illustrates the timing ratios between data and clock when parallel data is being supplied from an external source and the internal clock source is being used.

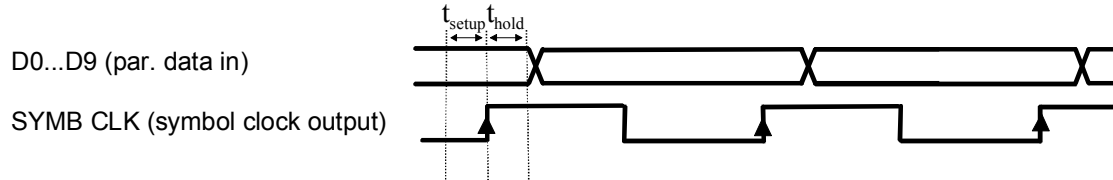


Fig. 4-5 External parallel data, internal clock signal and the clock signal that is output on the AUX I/O interface The setup time ( $t_{setup}$ ) and hold time ( $t_{hold}$ ) can be found in the data sheet.

**External Clock and External Synchronous Data**

When synchronous modulation data is being fed in from an external source for **Custom Digital Modulation**, clock generation in the R&S Signal Generator can be synchronized on the rising or falling edge of an external symbol clock. The clock reference is supplied on the CLOCK connector (front panel).

The clock signals generated as a result are output on the CLOCK OUT connector (rear panel, choice of bit clock or symbol clock) and on the BITCLK or SYMBCLK pins on the AUX I/O interface.

**External serial data**

The following diagram illustrates the timing ratios between data and clock when serial data is being supplied from an external source and an external reference clock is being used.

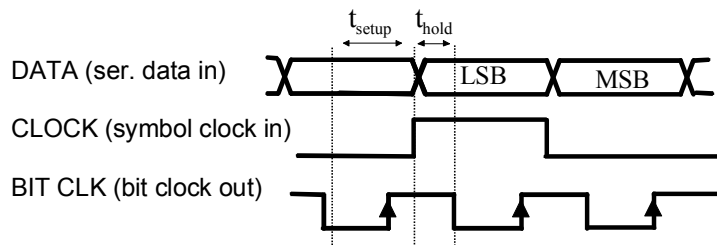


Fig. 4-6 External serial data and external symbol clock - 3 bits/symbol with high and low active **symbol clock** for marking the LSB. The data and the symbol clock must change state simultaneously. The setup time ( $t_{setup}$ ) and hold time ( $t_{hold}$ ) can be found in the data sheet.

A bit clock is generated from the externally supplied symbol clock and is used for reading the serial data into the R&S Signal Generator. The active edge of this bit clock is located ahead of the symbol clock.

### External parallel data

The following diagram illustrates the timing ratios between data and clock when parallel data is being supplied from an external source and an external reference clock is being used.

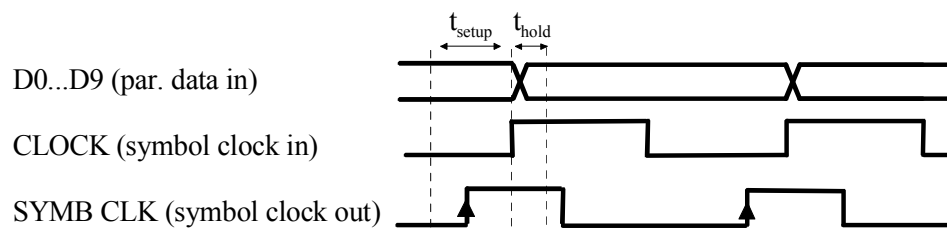


Fig. 4-7 External parallel data with high and low active external symbol clock. The setup time ( $t_{\text{setup}}$ ) and hold time ( $t_{\text{hold}}$ ) can be found in the data sheet.

The R&S Signal Generator uses the externally supplied symbol clock to generate an internal symbol clock that defines the sampling points at which the parallel data is read into the R&S Signal Generator. These sampling points are also located a little ahead of the external symbol clock.

### External Clock and Internal or External Asynchronous Data

If the modulation data is generated internally or supplied asynchronously from an external source, clock generation in the R&S Vector Signal Generator can be synchronized on an external symbol clock, or a multiple thereof, which is fed in on the CLOCK connector (front panel). Synchronization can be based on the rising edge or falling edge according to choice. The maximum permissible multiple symbol clock can be found in the data sheet.

## Control Signals

The following control signals are processed in the R&S Signal Generator:

- **Burst Gate** and **Level Attenuation** for power ramping
- **CW** for controlling the CW (continuous wave) mode  
The **CW** signal turns off digital modulation. The RF signal is output in unmodulated form. In case of standards in which it is possible to switch between different modulation modes, the signal is output only and cannot be supplied from an external source. In such cases it indicates the modulation mode internally (standard GSM: signal high (1) = modulation mode GMSK and signal low (0) = modulation mode 8PSK EDGE).

The CW control signal is generated internally and fed to the AUX I/O interface. The control signals for power ramping can be provided externally for **Custom Digital Modulation** only. When generated internally the signals are output on the AUX I/O interface.

A dedicated internal **Control Data Editor** is provided for defining the control signals. This editor with its intuitive graphical interface can be used to define and save control signals. Definition by generating or editing a binary list is no longer necessary (though it is still possible via the IEC bus).

A separate file with the file extension **\*.dm\_iqc** is created for each defined control signal and held on the R&S Signal Generator hard disk.

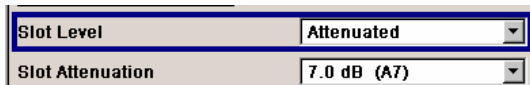
If the **Component Data Editor** is used, the **Control Data Editor** is integrated with it. The defined control data is not held separately, but stored with the data structure. This applies both to signals of the Data Editor Realtime and the Data Editor Offline.

## Power Ramping and Level Attenuation

In TDMA radio networks it is necessary to control the RF output signal envelope synchronously for the purpose of digital modulation. The signals **Burst Gate** and **Lev Att** are used for this. These signals are internally generated. In case of **Custom Digital Modulation** they can also be supplied from an external source via the AUX I/O interface.

When power ramping is enabled, a ramp is generated whenever there is a data switch on the **Burst** signal (from high to low or low to high). The steepness of this ramp can be adjusted. Power ramping is enabled and configured in the **Power Ramp Control** submenu.

The **Lev\_Att** signal is used to control a defined level attenuation. If level attenuation is enabled, the modulation signal level is attenuated by a defined value if the **Lev Att** signal is high. The level attenuation value is defined in the **Power Ramp Control** menu. For the **GSM/EDGE** standard a maximum of 7 different level attenuation values can be defined and allocated separately to the 8 slots quite independently of one another. Level attenuation is enabled either in the **Power Ramp Control** menu (Custom Digital Modulation) or in the Burst Editor (GSM/EDGE).



Level attenuation enables to simulate radio stations located at various distances.

The diagram below shows an example of how the power ramping signals work.

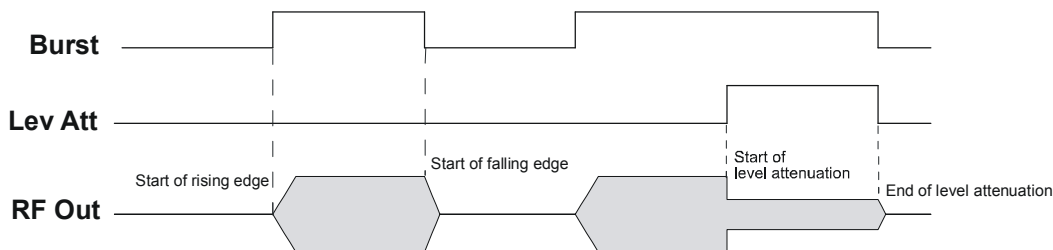


Fig. 4-8 Signal behavior when power ramping is enabled. The **Burst** Gate signal defines the start of the rising and falling edges of the envelope, and the **Lev Att** signal defines the start and end of level attenuation. The level attenuation value is defined in the **Power Ramp Control** menu.

## Trigger Signals

In the R&S Signal Generator, trigger signals are internally generated or externally supplied signals which start signal generation at a particular point in time.

Signal generation can also take place without triggering, in which case the signal is then generated in full after modulation is powered up. A trigger event either has no effect on signal generation (menu setting **Trigger Mode Auto**) or triggers a signal restart (menu setting **Trigger Mode Retrigger**).

If signal generation is triggered, the signal is continuously generated after the first trigger. In the **Armed\_Auto** mode, a further trigger event has no effect. In the **Armed\_Retrigger** mode, every additional trigger event triggers a restart of the signal. In both cases, triggering can be reset to the initial state (**armed**), i.e. signal generation is stopped and the instrument waits for the next trigger to start signal generation anew.

The status of signal generation (**Running** or **Stopped**) is displayed for all trigger modes in the corresponding trigger menu of the digital standard currently switched on. The signal generation status particularly with an external trigger can thus be checked.



Internal and external trigger sources are available for triggering.

- Internally, triggering is carried out manually by pressing the **Execute Trigger** button (menu selection **Internal**).
- In the case of two-path instruments, internal triggering can be caused by the trigger signal on the second path (menu selection **Internal (Baseband A/B)**). This makes it possible to synchronize the signal on one of the two paths with the signal on the second path. Using an external trigger source, it is possible to set the trigger signal to be delayed or suppressed.
- External trigger signals can be fed in via the TRIGGER 1 and 2 connectors on the front and rear panels (menu selection **External**).

In the case of external triggering and internal triggering by the trigger signal on the second path, the start can be delayed by a definable number of symbols (menu setting (**External**) **Trigger Delay**). This makes it possible to purposely simulate the time delay between a base station signal and a user equipment signal, for example in the course of base station tests.

The effect of a restarted trigger signal in the **Retrigger** trigger mode can be suppressed for a definable number of symbols (menu setting (**External**) **Trigger Inhibit**). By this means the trigger can be suppressed for a definable number of frames, for example in the course of base station tests, and yet the signal can still be generated synchronously. In each frame the base station generates a trigger which would cause a signal generation restart every time but for the suppression.

**Example:** Entering 1000 samples means that after a trigger event, any subsequent trigger signal is ignored for the space of 1000 samples.

A signal which marks the trigger event set off by the current internal or external trigger of path A or B can be output at the USER connectors (AUX IO interface or USER BNC connector).

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**Note:**

*The trigger mode setting, the selection of the trigger source and the setting of a delay and trigger suppression in the case of external triggering are carried out independently for each of the two paths. On the other hand configuration of the trigger connectors (polarity and impedance) is carried out jointly for both paths.*

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## **Marker Output Signals**

The R&S Signal Generator generates user-definable marker output signals which can be used to synchronize external instruments. By this means a slot clock or frame clock can be set, for instance, or the start of a particular modulation symbol can be marked.

Four marker outputs are available for each path. The outputs for markers 1 to 3 are defined, but marker 4 can be placed on one of the USER outputs according to choice.

### **Path A**

- Markers 1/2            MARKER 1 / 2 BNC connectors on the front panel
- Marker 3             MARKER 3 pin of the AUX I/O connector on the rear panel
- Marker 4             USER1 BNC connector or USER2/3/4 pins of the AUX I/O connector on the rear panel according to choice

### **Path B**

- Marker 1             MARKER 1B BNC connector on the rear panel
- Markers 2/3          MARKER 2B / 3B pins of the AUX I/O connector on the rear panel
- Marker 4             USER1 BNC connector or USER2/3/4 pins of the AUX I/O connector on the rear panel according to choice

# Digital Modulation - Custom Digital Modulation

## Introduction - Custom Digital Modulation

The R&S Signal Generator can generate digital modulation signals with user-definable characteristics. Baseband filtering and the symbol rate can be set within wide limits.

The equipment layout for generating the digital modulation signals includes the options Baseband Main Module (B13) and Baseband Generator (B9/B10/B11).

In the case of two-path instruments, at least one further Baseband Generator (B9/B10/B11) option is needed for signal generation in the second path. Using this option a signal can be defined in path B and then either routed via path A or added to the signal on path A with a frequency offset that can be set. When path B is fully expanded with a second option Baseband Main Module (B13) and an RF section frequency option (B20x) the modulation signal can be output on RF output B.

When modulation is ON, a two-part level indication is shown in the header section of the display. This displays both the average power (LEVEL) and the peak envelope power (PEP) of the modulated RF output signal.



The difference between PEP and LEVEL depends on the modulation type and the filtering: Both values are pre-measured internally so that the displayed values match the true values in the signal. When external signals are used, they are replaced by PRBS data during pre-measurement.

## Modulation Types - Custom Digital Mod

The available modulation types are ASK (amplitude shift keying), FSK (frequency shift keying), PSK (phase shift keying) and QAM (quadrature amplitude modulation).

The actual modulation procedure is described by mapping, which assigns I and Q values (PSK and QAM) or frequency shifts (FSK) to every modulation symbol that occurs. This is represented graphically in the constellation diagrams.

The mapping for the selected modulation type is displayed in the **More..** submenu in the **Modulation** menu section (see "[More - Modulation Type - Digital Modulation](#)", page 4.165)

The QAM procedures 16QAM, 32QAM, 64QAM have been produced in accordance with ETSI standard ETS 300429 for digital video broadcasting (DVB). The QAM procedures 256QAM and 1024QAM are not specified in this standard, but have been produced according to the same basic principles.

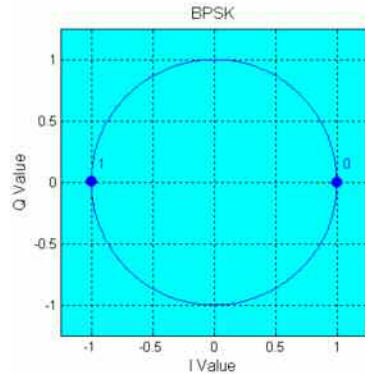
In the case of all FSK procedures, the user can set the symbol rate  $f_{\text{SYMB}}$  up to a maximum value (see data sheet). If MSK is selected, the frequency deviation (**FSK deviation**) cannot be set since it is permanently set to  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the symbol rate.

Table 4-1 Modulation type and associated mapping

**PSK**

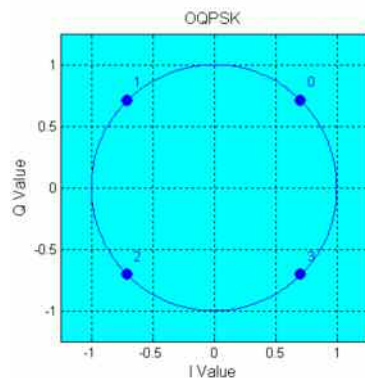
**BPSK**  
1 bit per symbol

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM BPSK



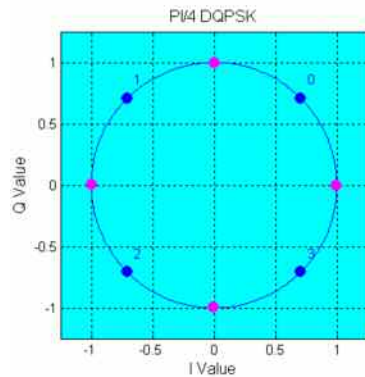
**OQPSK**  
2 bits per symbol  
Q offset

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM OQPSK



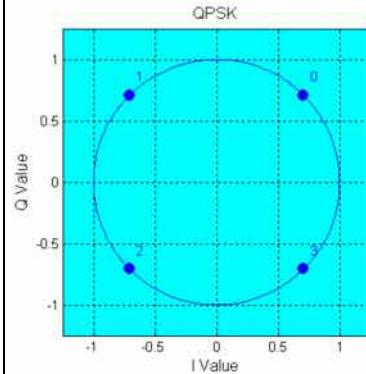
**$\pi/4$ -DQPSK**  
2 bits per symbol  
Differential coding,  $\pi/4$  rotation

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM P4DQ



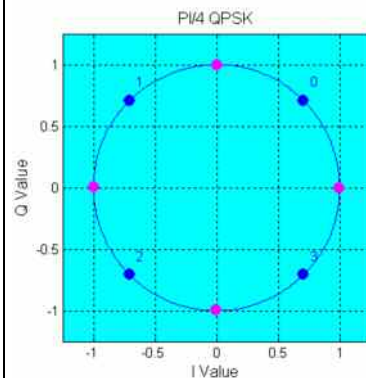
**QPSK**  
2 bits per symbol

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM QPSK



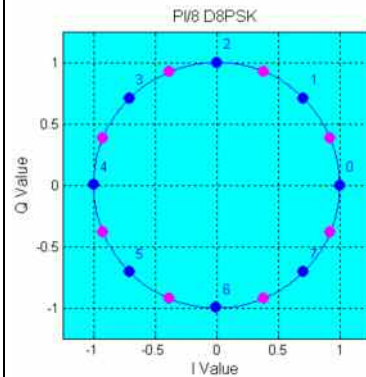
**$\pi/4$ -QPSK**  
2 bits per symbol  
 $\pi/4$  rotation

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM P4QP



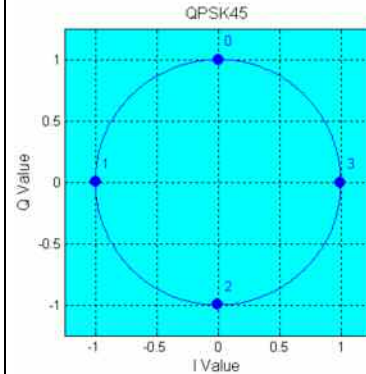
**$\pi/8$ -D8PSK**  
3 bits per symbol  
Differential coding,  $\pi/8$  rotation

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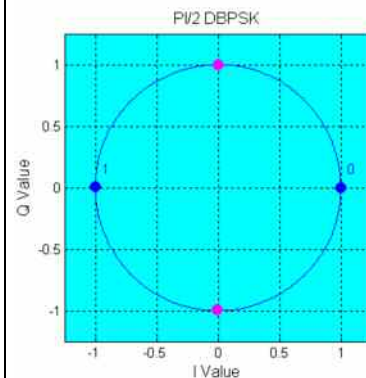
**QPSK 45° Offset**  
2 bits per symbol  
45° rotation

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM QPSK45



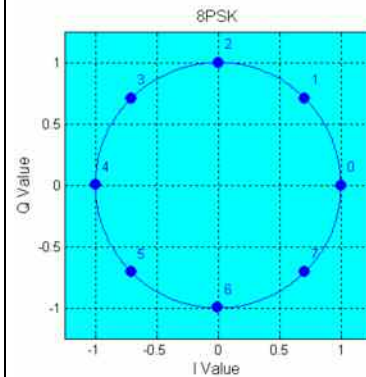
**$\pi/2$ -DBPSK**  
1 bit per symbol  
Differential coding,  $\pi/2$  rotation

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM P2DB



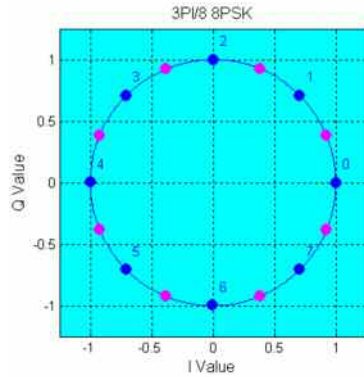
**8PSK**  
3 bits per symbol

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM PSK8



8PSK EDGE ( $3\pi/8$  8PSK)  
 3 bits per symbol  
 Edge coding,  $3\pi/8$  rotation

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM P8ED

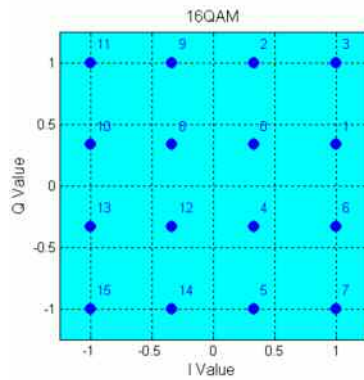


**QAM**

16QAM

4 bits per symbol

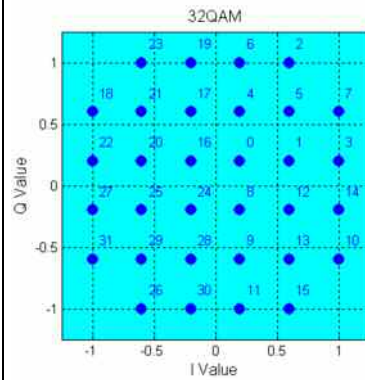
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32QAM

5 bits per symbol

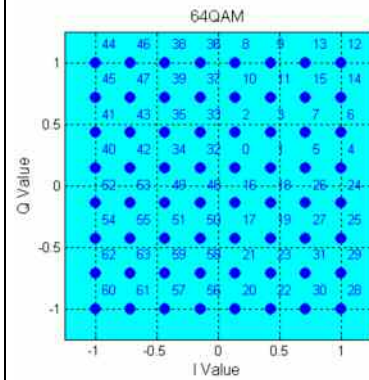
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64QAM

6 bits per symbol

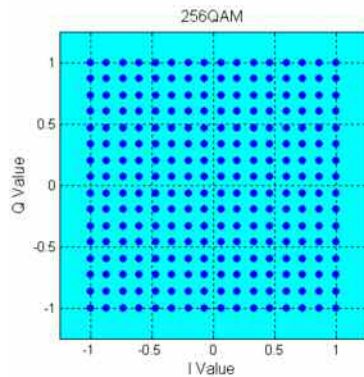
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256QAM

8 bits per symbol

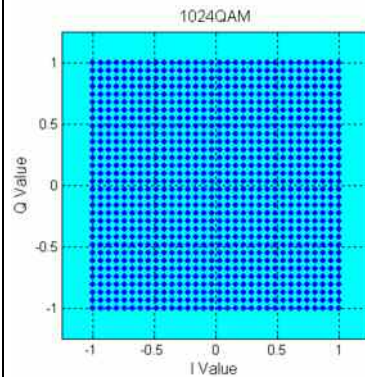
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1024QAM

10 bits per symbol

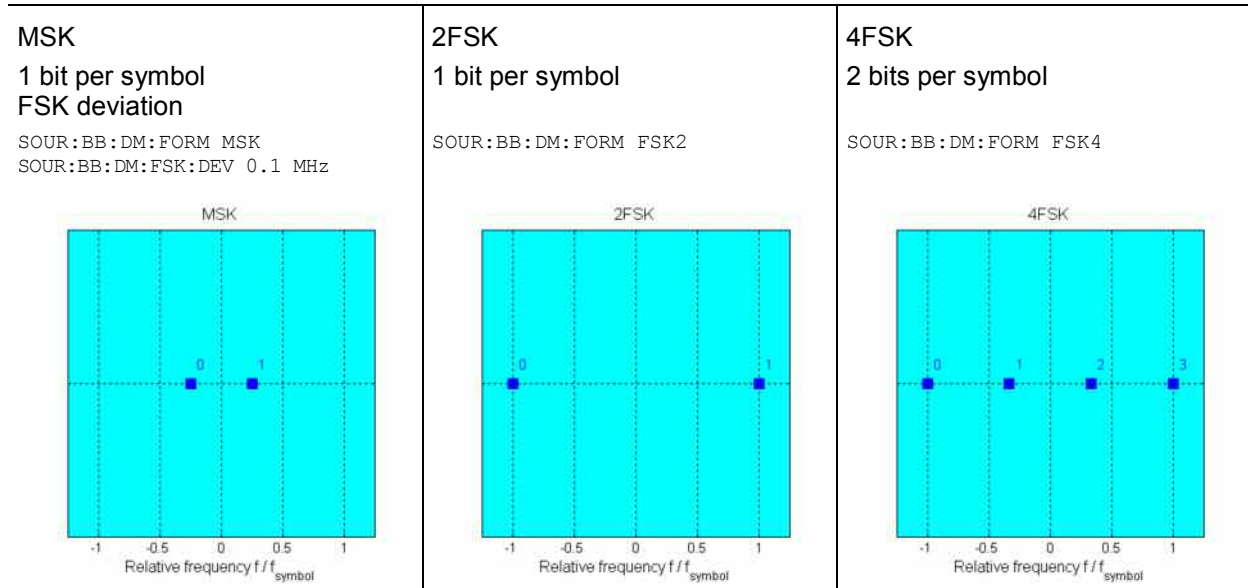
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**FSK**

**Note:**

In addition to the following FSK modulations, a variable FSK modulation with definable deviation per symbol is available.



**Coding - Custom Digital Mod**

Modulation symbols are coded directly before I and Q values or frequency shifts are assigned. Coding is thus directly related to modulation methods, which is the reason why codings are not freely combinable with modulation methods. The following table shows which of the coding combinations are available and defines the modulation types for which the various coding procedures can be used.

In the notation used below  $a_n$  denotes the n-th input symbol and  $b_n$  denotes the correspondingly coded output symbol. Individual bits in the symbols from the LSB (least significant bit) to the MSB (most significant bit) are denoted by  $a_{0n}$ ,  $a_{1n}$  and so on. The same applies to the output symbols.

Table 4-1 Permissible coding combinations for modulation symbols and modulation type

	OFF	Difference	Phase difference	Difference + Gray	Gray	GSM	NADC, PDC, PHS, TETRA, APCO25 (PSK), PWT	TFTS/TETRA	INMARSAT, ICO, WCDMA 3GPP, cdma2000	VDL	APCO25 (FSK)
ASK	X	X		X	X						
BPSK	X	X		X	X						
$\pi/2$ DBPSK	X				X						
QPSK	X	X		X	X				X		
QPSK 45° Offset	X	X		X	X				X		
$\pi/4$ QPSK	X	X			X						
$\pi/4$ DQPSK	X				X		X	X			
8PSK	X	X		X	X					X	

	OFF	Difference	Phase difference	Difference + Gray	Gray	GSM	NADC, PDC, PHS, TETRA, APCO25 (PSK), PWT	TFTS/TETRA	INMARSAT, ICO, WCDMA 3GPP, cdma2000	VDL	APCO25 (FSK)
8PSK_EDGE	X										
$\pi/8$ D8PSK	X				X						
MSK	X	X		X	X	X					
2FSK	X	X		X	X	X					
4FSK	X	X		X	X						X
16QAM	X	X	X	X	X						
32QAM	X	X	X	X	X						
64QAM	X	X	X	X	X						
256QAM	X	X	X	X	X						
1024QAM	X	X	X	X	X						

**Modulation type  $\pi/4$ DQPSK**

With differential coding switched on at the same time, a constellation diagram is obtained for  $\pi/4$ DQPSK which is similar to that obtained for 8PSK. Phase shifts are however assigned to the individual modulation symbols. The following tables show the assignment of modulation symbols to phase shifts of the I/Q vector in relation to the selected coding.

Table 4-1 Phase shifts for  $\pi/4$ DQPSK

Modulation symbol (binary indication: MSB, LSB)	$a_n$	00	01	10	11
Phase shifts without coding		+ 45°	+135°	- 135°	-45°
Phase shifts with coding NADC, PDC, PHS, TETRA or APCO25 (PSK)		+ 45°	+135°	-45°	- 135°
Phase shifts with coding TFTS		- 135°	+135°	-45°	+ 45°

**Coding algorithms**

Common coding types are listed in the following table.

Table 4-1 Coding algorithms

Coding	Coding algorithm	Applicable for K bit/symbol
NONE	$b_n = a_n$	$k = 1...8$
Differential	$b_n = (a_n + b_{n-1}) \text{ modulo } 2^k$	$k = 1...7$
Differential + Gray	Gray coding with additional differential coding	$k = 1...7$
GSM	$dc_n = \text{not}(d_n \text{ exor } d_{n-1})$	$k = 1$

**Example 1:** Differential coding for QPSK modulation with  $K = 2$  bit/symbol

Decimal display; value range for modulation symbols

$$a_n \in \{0; 1; 2; 3\}$$

Recursive coding is defined as follows:  $b_n = (a_n + b_{n-1})$  modulo 4.

Depending on the state of a preceding modulation symbol  $b_{n-1}$  the coded modulation symbol  $b_n$  is obtained for example from modulation symbol  $a_n = 2$  as follows:

$a_n = 2$	$b_{n-1}$	$b_n$
	0	2
	1	3
	2	0
	3	1

By means of differential coding, the assignment between modulation symbols and phase differences shown in the following table is generated:

<b>Modulation symbol <math>a_n</math> (binary, MSB, LSB)</b>	00	01	10	11
<b>Phase difference</b>	0°	90°	180°	270°

**Example 2:** Gray and differential coding for 8PSK modulation

First, a gray coding is performed according to the gray code. Afterwards, a differential coding is performed according to the recursive coding algorithm quoted above. The assignment between modulation symbols and phase differences shown in the following table is generated:

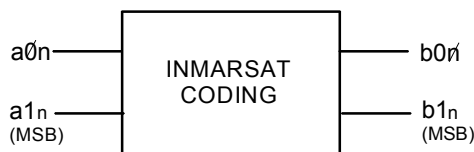
<b>Modulation symbol <math>a_n</math> (binary, MSB, LSB)</b>	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
<b>Phase difference</b>	0°	45°	135°	90°	270°	315°	225°	180°

**Differential coding according to VDL** can be used for modulation types with 3 bits/symbol, e.g. 8PSK.

Table 4-1 Differential coding according to VDL

<b>Modulation symbol <math>d_n</math> (binary, MSB, LSB)</b>	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
<b>Phase difference</b>	0°	45°	135°	90°	315°	270°	180°	225°

**Phase differential coding** INMARSAT and PHASE DIFF correspond to system standards Inmarsat-M and DVB according to ETS 300 429. The INMARSAT coding can generally be used for modulation types with 2 bits/symbol, such as QPSK. It uses the following algorithm.



$$b_{1n} = [\text{NOT } (a_{1n} \text{ EXOR } a_{0n}) \text{ AND } (a_{1n} \text{ EXOR } b_{1(n-1)})] \text{ OR } [(a_{1n} \text{ EXOR } a_{0n}) \text{ AND } (a_{1n} \text{ EXOR } b_{0(n-1)})]$$

$$b_{0n} = [\text{NOT } (a_{1n} \text{ EXOR } a_{0n}) \text{ AND } (a_{0n} \text{ EXOR } b_{0(n-1)})] \text{ OR } [(a_{1n} \text{ EXOR } a_{0(n-1)}) \text{ AND } (a_{0n} \text{ EXOR } b_{1(n-1)})]$$

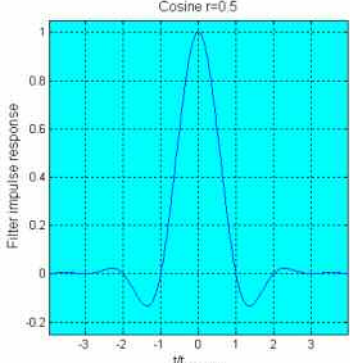
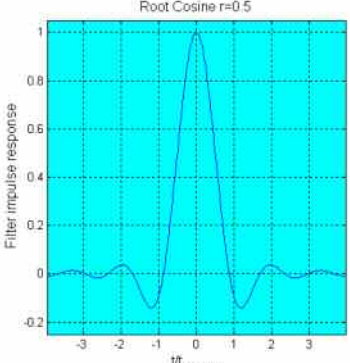
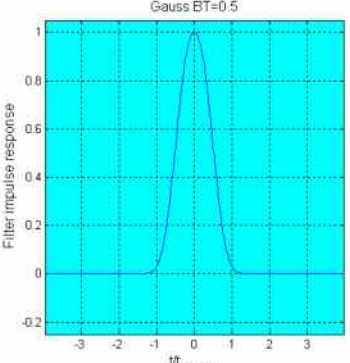
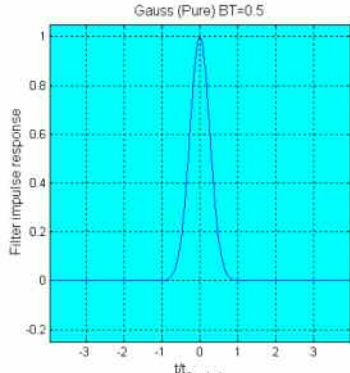
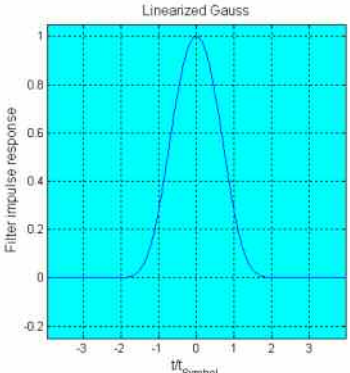
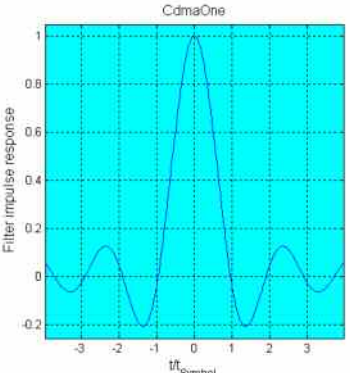


## Baseband Filter - Custom Digital Mod

The R&S Signal Generator offers a wide selection of predefined baseband filters. The filter characteristic for the selected filter is displayed in the **More..** submenu in the **Filter** menu section (see "[More - Filter - Digital Modulation](#)", page 4.167).

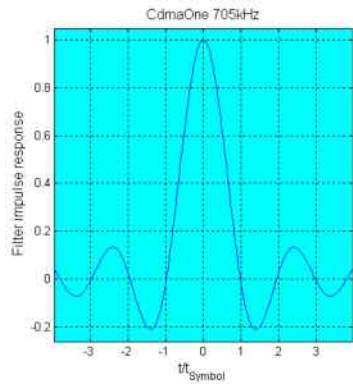
The following table shows the filters that are available, together with the associated parameters and IEC bus commands. The filter characteristic is displayed in graphical form.

Table 4-2 Baseband filter

<p><b>Cosine</b>                      Roll Off Factor                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE COS                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:COS 0.99</p>	<p><b>Root Cosine (<math>\sqrt{\cos}</math>)</b>                      Roll Off Factor                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE RCOS                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:RCOS 0.99</p>	<p><b>Gauss (FSK)</b>                      B x T                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE GAUS                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:GAUS 2.5</p>
		
<p><b>Pure Gauss</b>                      B x T                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE PGA                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:PGA 2.5</p>	<p><b>Gauss Linearized</b>                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE LGA</p>	<p><b>cdmaOne</b>                      SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE CONE</p>
		

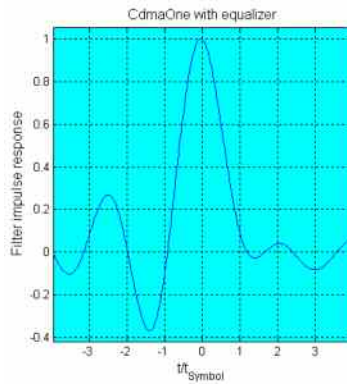
cdmaOne 705 kHz

SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE COF705



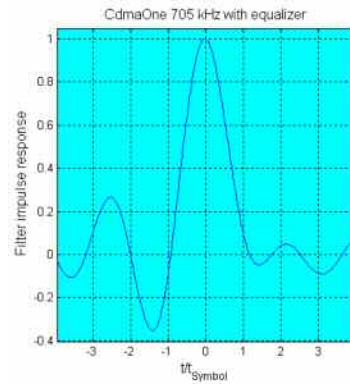
cdmaOne + Equalizer

SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE COE



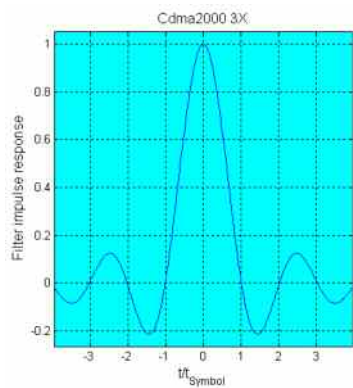
cdmaOne 705 kHz + Equalizer

SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE COFE



cdma2000 3X

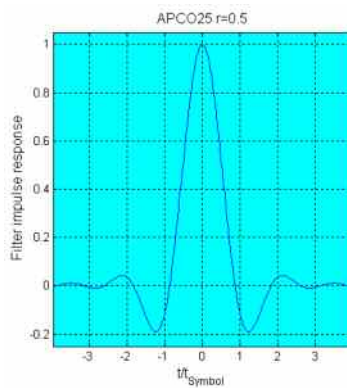
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE DM3x



APCO25

Roll Off Factor

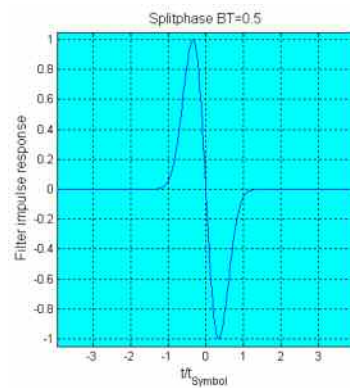
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE APCO25  
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:APC 0.5



Split Phase

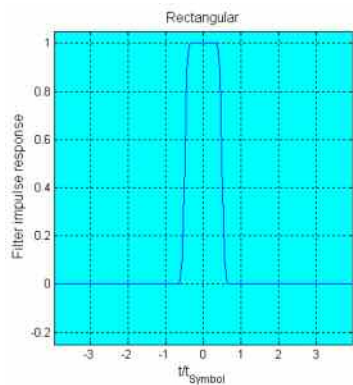
BxT

SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE SPH  
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:SPH 0.15



Rectangular

SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE RECT



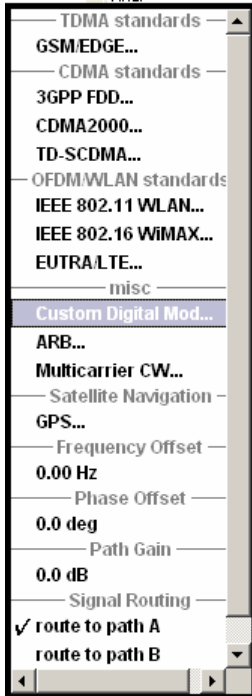
## Conflicting Settings - Custom Digital Mod

Having selected a modulation procedure, not every combination is possible when selecting the settings for the modulation parameters **Symbol Rate** and **Coding**. These restrictions inevitably give rise to conflicting settings if a parameter is changed and leads to a prohibited combination.

A conflicting setting is indicated by a message on the Info line in the display. The R&S Signal Generator displays the setting entered by the user, but the modulation signal actually generated does not correspond to this display. A conflict of settings can be triggered if the user changes a parameter inappropriately. The message disappears as soon as a conflict-free setting is entered. A list of the possible settings conflicts and messages in digital modulation can be found in chapter 9 "[Error messages](#)".

# Custom Digital Mod Menu

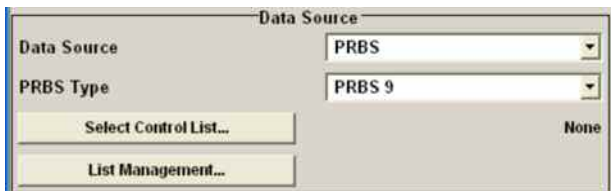
The menu for setting digital modulation can be opened either in the **Baseband** block or in the menu tree under Baseband.



The **Custom Digital Modulation** menu enables direct selection of the data source, standard, symbol rate, coding, modulation type and filter. All other settings are entered in submenus which are called via **More** buttons.



The upper part of the menu is used for powering up digital modulation as well as for calling the default settings and user-defined standards.



The data source is selected and set in the **Data Source** section.

The **List Management** button opens a submenu for calling the data editor and the file manager.



The middle part of the menu is used for selecting the standard, the symbol rate and the coding.



The modulation type is set in the **Modulation** section. The **More** button opens a submenu that displays the mapping for the selected modulation. This submenu can also be used to enable switching an RF signal between modulated and unmodulated.



The filter is set in the **Filter** section.

The **More** button opens a submenu where the filter characteristic of the selected filter is displayed.

The buttons in the lower part of the menu open submenus for power ramping and, in case of R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments, for configuring triggers and clocks.

In each case the current setting is displayed next to the button.

## Custom Digital Modulation Main Menu

The upper part of the menu is used for powering up digital modulation as well as for calling the default settings and user-defined standards.

**State - Digital Modulation** Enables/disables digital modulation.

Switching on digital modulation turns off all the other digital standards (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path).

The digital modulation is generated in realtime (no precalculated signal), and therefore all parameter changes (in the ON state) directly affect the output signal.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:STAT ON

**Set To Default - Digital Modulation**

Calls default settings. The values are shown in the following table.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:PRES

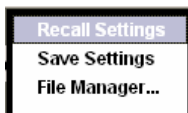
Parameter	Value
State	Not affected by Set to Default
Data Source	PRBS 9
Standard	GSM
Symbol Rate	270.833 ksymb/s
Coding	GSM
Modulation Type	MSK
Filter	Gauss (FSK)
Filter Parameter BxT	0.3
<b>Power Ramp Control</b>	
Attenuation	15 dB
Time	1 sym
Function	Cos
Fall Offset	0
Rise Offset	0
Source	Internal
State	Off

Parameter	Value
<b>Trigger</b>	
Mode	Auto
Source	Internal
Ext. Delay	0
Ext. Inhibit	0
<b>Clock</b>	
Source	Internal
Mode	Symbol
Delay	0

**Save/Recall - Digital Modulation**

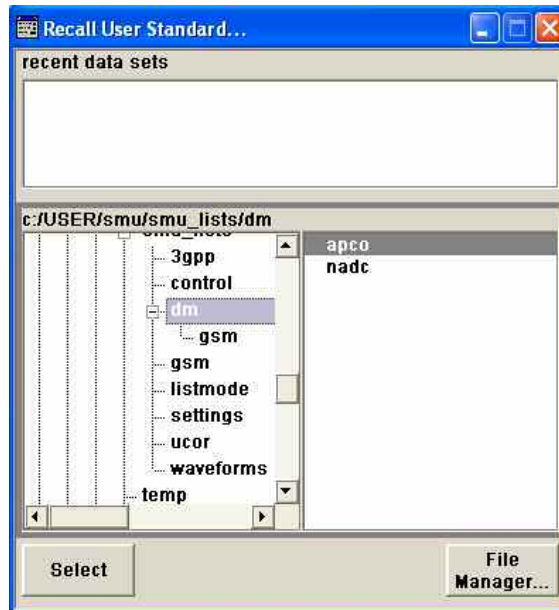
Calls the **Save/Recall** menu.

From the **Save/Recall** menu the **File Select** windows for saving and recalling the complete settings in the **Custom Digital Modulation** menu can be called.



The Digital Modulation Settings are stored as files with the predefined file extension **\*.dm**. The file name and the directory they are stored in are user-definable.

The complete settings in the **Custom Digital Modulation** menu are saved and recalled.



Remote-control commands:

```
MMEM:MDIR 'F:\gen\dig_mod\sett'
SOUR:BB:DM:SETT:CAT?
SOUR:BB:DM:SETT:DEL
SOUR:BB:DM:SETT:LOAD
SOUR:BB:DM:SETT:STOR
```

**Generate Waveform File - (For WinIQSIM2 only)**

**Digital Modulation**

Opens the submenu for storing the current signal as ARB signal in a waveform file.

The file name is entered in the submenu. The file is stored with the predefined file extension \*.wv. The file name and the directory it is stored in are user-definable.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:WAV:CRE "c:\temp\winiqsim2_wv"
```

**Sequence Length - Digital Modulation**

**(For WinIQSIM2 only)**

Sets the sequence length of the signal in symbols. The signal is calculated in advance, saved as waveform file, and output in the selected arbitrary waveform generator.

**Note:**

*Sequence Length x Oversampling must not exceed the maximum number of samples in the arbitrary waveform generator.*

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SLEN 500
```

The data source is selected and set in the **Data Source** section. The parameters offered depend on the data source selected. The **More** button opens a submenu for calling the data editor and the file manager.

**Data Source - Digital Modulation**

Selects the data source (see also section "[Data and Signal Sources in Baseband](#)", page 4.139).

You may choose from the following data sources:

**All 0** 0 data or 1 data is internally generated.

**All 1** Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR ONE | ZERO

**PRBS** PRBS data in accordance with the IUT-T with period lengths between  $2^9-1$  and  $2^{23}-1$  are internally generated.

**PRBS Type**

The length is selected in the **PRBS Type** input box.



Remote-control commands:

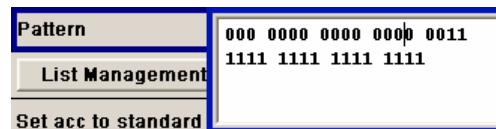
```
SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR PRBS
SOUR:BB:DM:PRBS 9|11|15|16|20|21|23
```

**Pattern**

A user-definable bit pattern with a maximum length of 64 bits is internally generated.

**Pattern**

The bit pattern is defined in the **Pattern** input box.



Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR PATT
SOUR:BB:DM:PATT #H77550,17
```



**Data List**

Data lists will be used.

...**Select Data**

Data lists can be generated internally in the data editor or externally.

Data lists are selected in the **File Select** window, which is called by means of the **Select Data** button.



The **File Manager** is used to transmit external data lists to the R&S Signal Generator, and can be called within every File Select window by means of the **File Manager** button.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR DLIS
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:SEL "d_list1"
```

**External Serial (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

External serial data is supplied via the DATA connector.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR SER
```

**External Parallel (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only) (AUX I/O)**

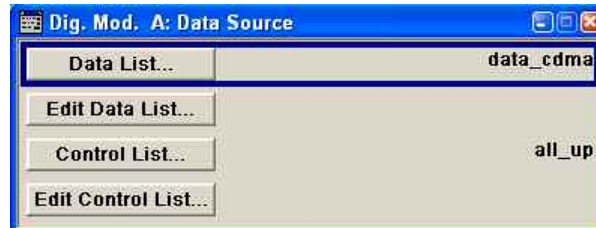
External parallel data is supplied externally via the PARDATA pins on the AUX I/O interface.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR PAR
```

**List Management - Digital Modulation**

Calls the menu for managing data and control lists (see section "[List Management - Digital Modulation Menu](#)", page 4.168).



Remote-control command: n.a.

The middle part of the menu is used for selecting the standard, the symbol rate and the coding.

**Set acc. to Standard - Digital Modulation**

Selects a standard.

After selection, modulation parameters **Modulation Type**, **Symbol Rate**, **Filter** and **Coding** are automatically set in accordance with the standard.

If one of these parameters is subsequently altered, the display changes to User. The User setting can be saved to a file so that it can be recalled at some later time (**Save/Recall User...** button).

The following table shows the standards that are available, together with the associated settings of the modulation parameters.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:STAN PDC
```



Table 4-3 Standards - Custom Digital Modulation

Standard	Modulation	Symbol Rate	Filter	Coding	Parameter for IEC command
Bluetooth	2FSK, Deviation 160.0 kHz	1.0 Msym/s	Gauss, B*T = 0,5	OFF	BLUetooth
DECT	2FSK, Deviation 288.0 kHz	1.152 Msym/s	Gauss, B*T = 0,5	OFF	DECT
ETC (ARIB STD T55)	ASK, ASK Depth 100%	1.024 Msym/s	Split Phase, B*T = 2.0	OFF	ETC
GSM	MSK	270.833333 ksym/s	Gauss, B*T = 0.3	GSM	GSM
GSM EDGE	8PSK EDGE (3π/8 8PSK)	270.833333 ksym/s	Gauss linear	OFF	GSMEdge
NADC	π/4 DQPSK	24.3 ksym/s	SQR COS, α = 0.35	NADC	NADC
PDC	π/4 DQPSK	21.0 ksym/s	SQR COS, α = 0.50	PDC	PDC
PHS	π/4 DQPSK	192.0 ksym/s	SQR COS, α = 0.50	PHS	PHS
TETRA	π/4 DQPSK	18.0 ksym/s	SQR, α = 0.35	TETRA	TETRa
WCDMA 3GPP	QPSK 45° Offset	3.84 Msym/s	SQR, α = 0.22	WCDMA 3GPP	W3GPP
TD-SCDMA	QPSK 45° Offset	1.28 Msym/s	WCDMA 0.22	OFF	TCSCdma
cdma2000 Forward	QPSK	1.2288 Msym/s	cdmaOne + Equalizer	cdma2000	CFORward
cdma2000 Reverse	Offset QPSK	1.2288 Msym/s	cdmaOne	cdma2000	CREVerse
Worldspace	QPSK	1.84 Msym/s	SQR COS, α = 0.40	OFF	WORLdspace
TFTS	π/4 DQPSK	22.1 ksym/s	SQR COS, α = 0.40	TFTS/TETRA	TFTS

**Save/Recall User - Digital Modulation**

Calls the **Save/Recall User** menu.

From the **Save/Recall** menu the **File Select** windows for saving and recalling user-defined standards and the **File Manager** can be called.



User standards are stored as files with the predefined file extension **\*.dm\_stu**. The file name and the directory they are stored in are user-definable.

**Remote-control commands:**

```
MMEM:MDIR 'F:\gen\gen_lists\dm'
SOUR:BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:CAT?
SOUR:BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:DEL
SOUR:BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:LOAD
SOUR:BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:STOR
```

**Symbol Rate - Digital Modulation**

Selects the symbol rate.

The value range is dependent on the selected modulation type.

When the modulation type changes, the range is automatically redefined. If the set symbol rate is outside this range, an error message is generated and the maximum value for the newly chosen modulation type is automatically set.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:SRAT 15 MHz

**Coding - Digital Modulation**

Selects the coding (see section "[Coding - Custom Digital Mod](#)", page 4.152).

The menu offers only the coding settings that are permissible for the chosen modulation type. The other coding methods are grayed out.

If the system is subsequently switched to a modulation type for which the selected coding is not available, coding is automatically set to OFF.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:COD

The modulation type is set in the **Modulation** section. The parameters offered depend on what is currently selected. The **More...** button opens a submenu for displaying the user-defined mapping.

**Modulation Type - Digital Modulation**

Selects a modulation type.

The associated symbol mapping is displayed in the **More...** submenu (see also table [Modulation type and associated mapping](#), page 4.149).

If the coding that is set is not possible with the chosen modulation type, **coding** is set to **Off**.

You may choose from the following:

ASK, the PSK modulations BPSK, QPSK, QPSK 45° Offset, OQPSK,  $\pi/4$ -QPSK,  $\pi/2$ -DBPSK,  $\pi/4$ -DQPSK,  $\pi/8$ -D8PSK, 8PSK, 8PSK EDGE, the QAM modulations 16QAM to 1024QAM and the FSK modulations MSK, 2FSK, 4FSK and Variable FSK.

For selection "Variable FSK", the deviation of each symbol can be set in the **More...** submenu.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:FORM ASK

**Load User Mapping - Digital Modulation**

Selects user defined mapping table. This opens the **Select List File User Mapping** window in which the mapping table can be selected.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:MLIS:SEL "d\_mod\_list1"

**ASK Depth - Digital Modulation**

Sets the modulation depth for ASK modulation.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:ASK:DEPT 100 PCT

**FSK Deviation - Digital Modulation**

Sets the frequency deviation for FSK modulation. The range of values depends on the chosen symbol rate (see data sheet).

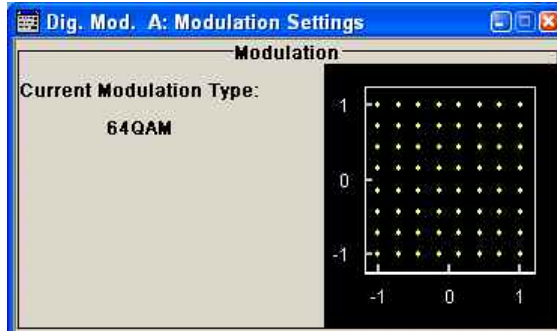
Whenever **MSK** is selected, the deviation corresponds to 1/4 of the symbol rate and cannot be set.

Remote-control command:

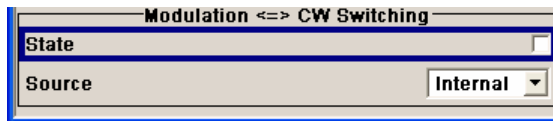
SOUR:BB:DM:FSK:DEV 5 Hz

**More - Modulation Type - Digital Modulation**

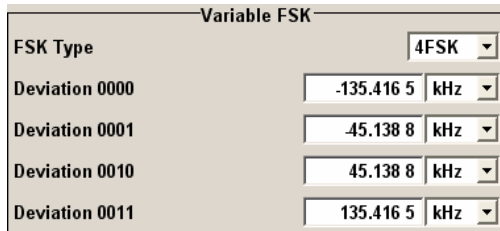
Calls the submenu which displays the mapping of the currently selected modulation type and the digital modulation delay in the case of an external data source.



The **Modulation - CW Switching** section can be used to enable switching an RF signal between modulated and unmodulated.



In case of selection **Variable FSK**, the FSK type and the deviation for each symbols is set in the **Variable FSK** section.



**FSK Type - Digital Modulation**

**(Variable FSK only)**

Selects the FSK modulation type for selection **Variable FSK**.

You may choose from 4FSK, 8FSK and 16FSK.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:FSK:VAR:TYPE FSK8

**Deviation xxxx - Digital Modulation**

**(Variable FSK only)**

Set the deviation of the associated symbol. The number of symbols depends on the selected modulation type. The value of each symbol is indicated in binary format.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:FSK:VAR:SYMB2:DEV 13E3

**Modulation Delay - Digital Modulation**

**(Data Source ext serial and ext parallel only)**

Displays the digital modulation delay from the data input to the I/Q output.

The value is displayed only if an external synchronous data source is selected. In this case the value represents the delay between the active clock edge for data and the corresponding peak I/Q value (associated with this data item) on the I/Q connectors.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:MDEL?

**Current Modulation Type - Digital Modulation** Displays the currently selected modulation type together with its associated mapping.

Remote-control command: n.a.

The **Modulation ⇔ CW Switching** section is used to enable switching an RF signal between modulated and unmodulated.

**State Mod - CW - Digital Modulation** Enables switching between a modulated and an unmodulated RF signal.

Switching is carried out by a control signal (CW) that is defined internally in the control list or supplied from an external source via a user-defined input.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SWIT:SOUR INT
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:SEL 'CLIST1'
SOUR:BB:DM:SWIT:STAT ON
SOUR:BB:DM:SWIT:SOUR EXT
SOUR:BB:DM:SWIT:STAT ON
```

**Source Mod - CW - Digital Modulation** Selects the CW control signal for switching between a modulated and an unmodulated RF signal.

**Internal** The CW signal in the control list is used for the control. The internal signal can be output on one of the user interfaces.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SWIT:SOUR INT
```

**External** The control signal on the CW pin of the AUX I/O connector is used (for two path instruments path A and B).

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:SWIT:SOUR EXT
```

**Filter - Digital Modulation** Selects the baseband filter (see also section "[Baseband Filter - Custom Digital Mod](#)", page 4.155).

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:TYPE COS
```

The filter is set in the **Filter** section.

**Filter Parameter - Digital Modulation** Sets the filter parameter.

The filter parameter offered (Roll Off Factor or B x T) depends on the currently selected filter type.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:APCO25 0.2
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:COS 0.35
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:GAUS 0.5
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:PGA 0.5
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:RCOS 0.35
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:SPH 2
```

**Cut Off Frequency Factor - Digital Modulation** (This feature is available for filter parameter Lowpass only.)  
Sets the value for the cut off frequency factor. The cut off frequency of the lowpass filter can be adjusted to reach spectrum mask requirements.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:PAR:LPAS 0.5

**Impulse Length - Import** (For WinIQSIM2 only)  
Displays the number of filter tabs. If the check box is activated, the most sensible parameter values are selected. The value depends on the coherence check. If the check box is deactivated, the values can be changed manually.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:ILEN:AUTO ON  
SOUR:BB:DM:FILT:ILEN 120

**Oversampling - Import** (For WinIQSIM2 only)  
Determines the upsampling factor. If the check box is activated, the most sensible parameter values are selected. The value depends on the coherence check. If the check box is deactivated, the values can be changed manually.

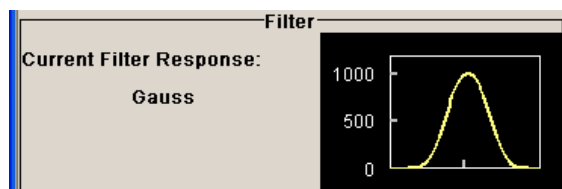
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:IMP:FILT:OSAM:AUTO ON  
SOUR:BB:IMP:FILT:OSAM 20

**More - Filter - Digital Modulation**  
Calls the menu for displaying the filter characteristic of the currently selected filter.

**Load User Filter- Filter - Digital Modulation**  
Calls the menu for selecting a user-defined filter. The button is only available if filter type **USER** is selected.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:FLIS:SEL user\_filter3

**Current Filter Response**  
Displays the filter characteristic of the currently selected filter.



Remote-control command: n.a.

The lower part of the **Custom Digital Modulation** menu is used for setting triggers and clocks, as well as for power ramp settings.

**Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation**  
Calls the power ramp control menu (see section "[Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation Menu](#)", page 4.175).

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Trigger/Marker - Digital Modulation**

**(For R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Calls the **Trigger/Marker/Clock** menu. The **Trigger/Marker/Clock** menu is used to select the trigger source, set the time delay on an external trigger signal and configure the marker output signals (see section "[Trigger/Marker/Clock - Custom Digital Modulation Menu](#)", page 4.178).

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Execute Trigger - Digital Modulation**

**(For R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Executes trigger manually. A manual trigger can be executed only when an internal trigger source and a trigger mode other than Auto have been selected.

Remote-control commands:

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT

SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ RETR

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:EXEC

**Clock - Digital Modulation**

**(For R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Calls the **Trigger/Marker/Clock** menu. The **Trigger/Marker/Clock** menu is used to select the clock source (see section "[Trigger/Marker/Clock - Custom Digital Modulation Menu](#)", page 4.178).

Remote-control command: n.a.

## List Management - Digital Modulation Menu

The **List Management** menu is called from the **Digital Modulation** main menu.



The data and control lists are selected and created in the **File Select** menu which is called up by means of the **Data List...** and **Control List...** buttons.



The **File Manager** is used to copy, rename and delete files and to create directories (see also Chapter 3, section "[File Management](#)")

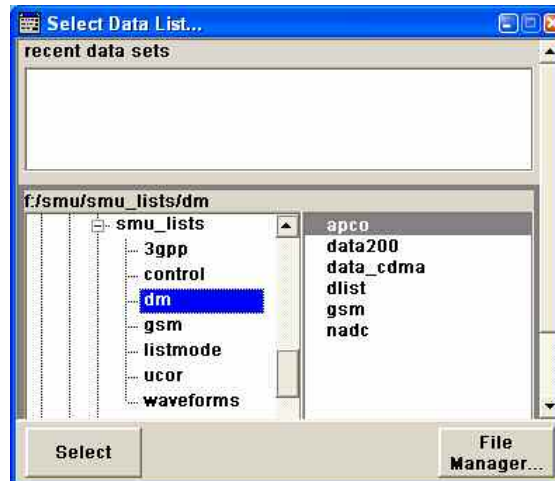
To ensure that the selected data or control list is used for generating the digital signal, the list must be selected as the data source:

Data	Parameter	Selection
Digital data	Source:	DList
Marker	Marker Mode:	CList
Control signals CW, Level Attenuation and Burst Gate	Source	Internal

The data editor is called using the **Edit Data List...** and **Edit Control List...** buttons. The contents of the selected list are displayed. Operating the list editors is described in Chapter 3, section "[List Editors](#)".

#### Select Data/Control List - Digital Modulation

Selects data/control list. This opens the **File Select** window in which the data/control list can be selected.

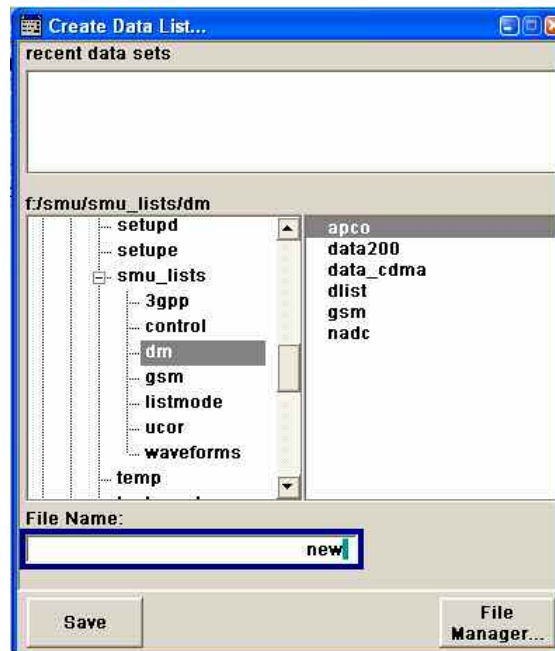


Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:SEL "d_list1"
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:SEL "c_list3"
```

#### Create Data/Control List - Digital Modulation

Creates new data/control list. This opens the **File Select** window in which the data/control list can be created.



The file name has to be entered in field **File Name:**. The new list contains no data, it can be edited in the list editor.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:SEL "d_list1"
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:SEL "c_list3"
```

**File Manager - Digital Modulation**

Calls the **File Manager**.

The File Manager is used to copy, delete and rename files and to create new directories.



```
Remote-control commands:
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:SEL "d_list1"
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:COPY "d_list2"
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:DEL "c_list1"
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:SEL "c_list3"
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:COPY "c_list2"
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:DEL "c_list1"
MMEM:MDIR "D:\user\new"
```

**Data List Editor - Digital Modulation**

The **Data List Editor** for editing the selected data list is called up in the **Data/Control List Management** submenu of the **Digital Modulation** main menu by means of the **Edit Data List...** button. Chapter 3, Section "*List Editor*" describes how to use the editor.

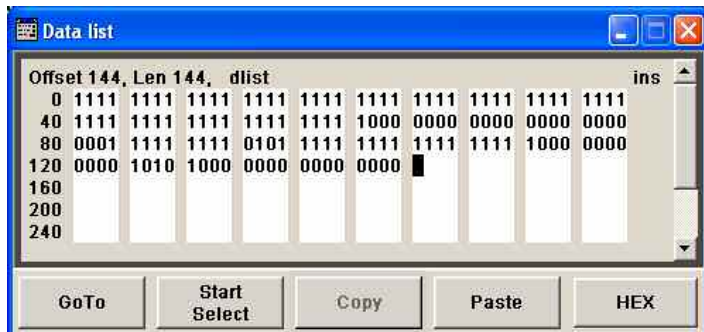
A list of binary values with a maximum length of 2<sup>31</sup> bits can be entered in the **Data Editor**. This value corresponds to a file size of approx. 268 Mbyte. While it is being processed, the file is continuously automatically buffered. When the menu is exited, the file is automatically saved with the new values, i.e. there is no extra **Save** button. Depending on the size of the file, saving may take some time.

To increase readability, the bits are displayed in groups of four. The current cursor position, the length of the list and the list file name are displayed above the list. The offset starts with the value 0 which corresponds to the bit position on the left side of the first row, i.e. the beginning of the list. On the left edge of the editor, the last three offset positions are specified at the beginning of the row.

An existing list can be edited in the insert or overwrite mode.

Remote-control commands:

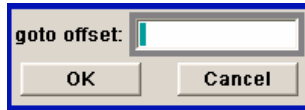
```
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:SEL "d_list1"
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:DATA 1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0
SOUR:BB:DM:DLIS:DATA:APP 1,1,0,1,0,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0
```





**GoTo - Digital Modulation**

Opens the entry window for the bit position. The cursor marks the bit at the selected position.



Remote-control command: n.a.

**Start Select - Digital Modulation**

Defines the current cursor position as the start position for the range to be marked. The stop position is defined by entering an offset under **GoTo**.

When a start position has been activated, the button will be re-labelled to **Undo Select**. When the button is clicked now, the selected range will be deactivated.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Copy - Digital Modulation**

Copies the selected values.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Cut - Digital Modulation**

Cuts the selected values.

Remote-control command: n.a.

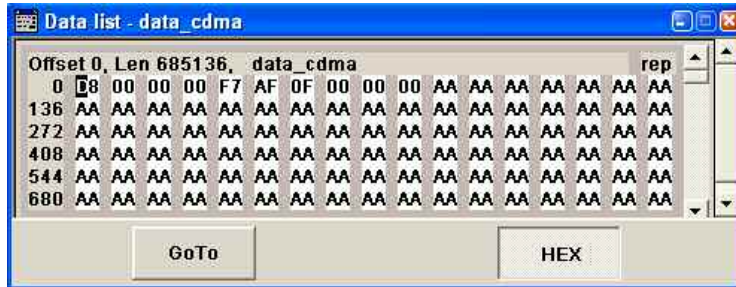
**Paste - Digital Modulation**

Pastes the values that have been copied or cut before.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Hex - Digital Modulation**

Switchover to hexadecimal display.



Each four bits are displayed as a hexadecimal value: To increase readability, the hexadecimal values in turn are displayed in pairs of two. The hex functions are automatically assigned to the numeric keys at the front panel.

Remote-control command: n.a.

## Control and Marker List Editor - Digital Modulation

The **Control and Marker List Editor** for editing the selected control list is called up in the **Data/Control List Management** submenu of the **Digital Modulation** main menu by means of the **Edit Control List...** button.



The four available marker signals and the CW, Hop, Burst Gate and Level Attenuation control signals can be defined in the **Control and Marker List Editor**.

### Note:

*The marker signals defined in the Control and Marker List Editor are activated by selecting the Marker mode "CList" in the Trigger/Marker/Clock menu.*

*The control signals have to be activated by selecting an "Internal" Source in the respective setting menu, e.g. the Power Ramp Control menu for the Burst Gate and Level Attenuation control signals.*

While it is being processed, the file is continuously automatically buffered. When the menu is exited, the file is automatically saved with the new values, i.e. there is no extra **Save** button. Depending on the size of the file, saving may take some time.

The configuration of the currently selected control list is displayed. This list is either selected in the **File Select** menu (**Data/Control List Management** submenu by means of the **Control List...** button) or via

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:SEL "c_list3"
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:DATA 0,8,8,8,8,8,8,0,0,0,...
```

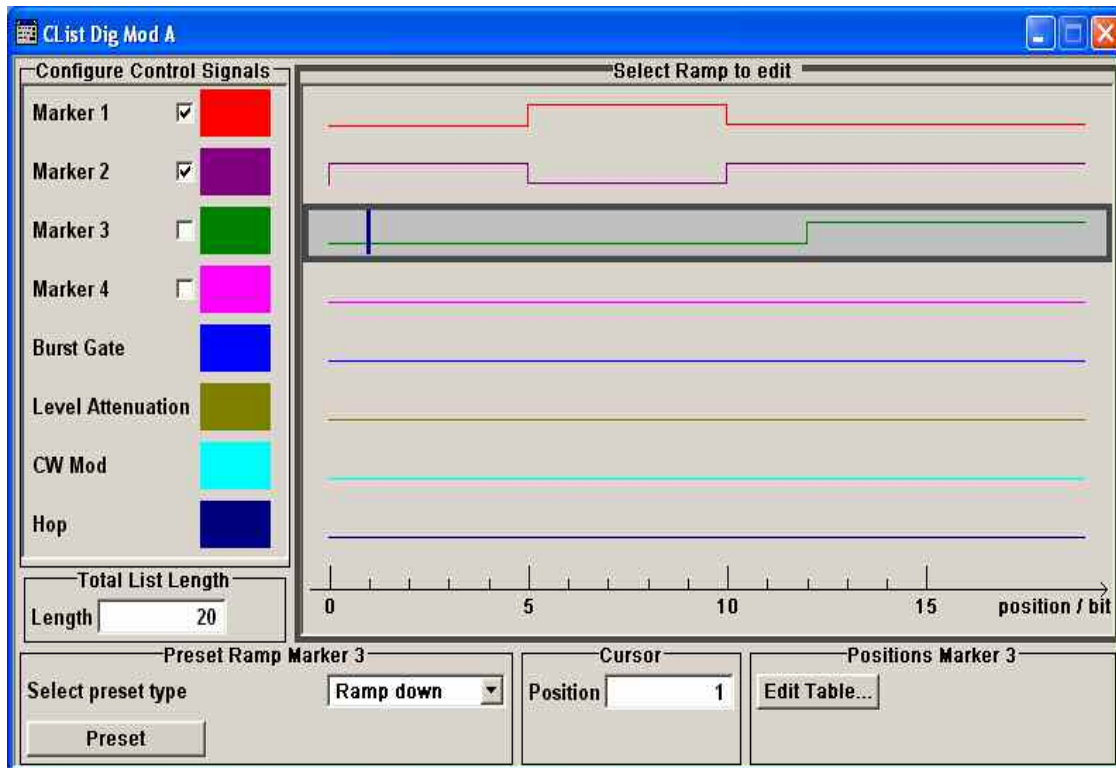
The available marker/control signals are color-coded. In the left **Configure Control Signal** section, each individual signal is assigned a colour; a check in the check box shows the marker for which the "CList" marker type has been selected and the control signal for which the "Internal" source has been selected.

In the **Select Ramp to Edit** section the signal characteristics are graphically displayed. The scaling of the x-axis is always adapted to the overall length of the control list to provide constant overview of all defined ramps.

The ramps can be assigned the exact bit position in the signal by means of

- The bit scale below the marker/control signal characteristic.
- The display of the current cursor position in the **Cursor** menu section if the cursor marks the ramp.

The ramps can be set either graphically in the **Select Ramp to Edit** section or in the table of the **Positions <Signal>** section in the lower right corner. To make the setting easy, a selection of preset ramp characteristics is offered in the **Preset Ramp <Signal>** section.



### Configure Control Signal - Digital Modulation

Displays the colour the marker/control signal has been assigned.

Displays whether the "CList" marker type has been selected in the Trigger/Marker/Clock menu for this marker.

Displays whether the "Internal" source has been selected for this control signal in the individual setting menu. Burst Gate and Level Attenuation are set in the **Power Ramping** submenu, CW in the **Modulation** submenu.

The source "CList/Internal" for the individual marker/control signal can be selected here as well and will then be used in the associated menus.

Remote-control command: n.a.

### Select Ramp to Edit - Digital Modulation

Graphically edit marker/control signals.

For this purpose, the cursor is set to the position where a ramp is required. The ramp is generated by pressing Enter (e.g. clicking on the rotary knob). Any number of ramps can be defined per marker. Each of the generated ramp positions will be saved even if the definition of another ramp produces a low/low or high/high transition. These ramps are displayed as dashed lines.

Existing ramps can be shifted after the cursor has been placed on the ramp and Enter has been pressed - it then changes colour twice. The ramp is shifted by using the cursor keys or the rotary knob. The new position is determined by pressing Enter again.

Ramps can be deleted by means of the `BACK-SPACE` key after the cursor has been placed on the ramp.

Chapter 3 describes how to operate the control and marker list editor in detail.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Total List Length - Digital Modulation**

Enters the length of the definition range of the control list in bits. The starting value is always bit 0. The entire definition range is displayed, i.e. the bit scale is adapted to the entry.

With very long control lists, the displayed area can be zoomed to approx. 300 bits around the current cursor position (**Zoom in** button).

The preset functions set the ramp in the center of the currently selected area.

If the definition range is decreased, the ramps outside the range are lost.

When used, the control list is always repeated over the length of the definition range if the length of the data list exceeds the length of the control list.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Preset Ramp - Digital Modulation**

Activates presetting for the ramp characteristic of the selected control signal. The presetting is selected with **Select Preset Type** and activated by means of the **Preset** button.

Remote-control command: n.a.

You can select from:

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>All Up</b>       | The marker/control signal is continuously high.  |
| <b>All Down</b>     | The marker/control signal is continuously low.   |
| <b>Ramp Up</b>      | The marker/control signal contains a ramp from low to high. The ramp is shifted to the center of the displayed signal area and can subsequently be shifted as required.  |
| <b>Ramp Down</b>    | The marker/control signal contains a ramp from high to low. The ramp is shifted to the center of the displayed signal area and can subsequently be shifted as required.  |
| <b>Ramp Up/Down</b> | The marker/control signal contains a ramp from low to high and from high to low. The ramps are symmetrically shifted around the center of the displayed signal area and can subsequently be shifted as required. |
| <b>Ramp Down/Up</b> | The marker/control signal contains a ramp from high to low and from low to high. The ramps are symmetrically shifted around the center of the displayed signal area and can subsequently be shifted as required. |

**Cursor Position - Digital Modulation**

Enters the cursor position.

In the graphic display, the cursor is positioned according to the entry.

Vice versa, graphically shifting the cursor will change the displayed value.

If the entered value exceeds the selected length of the definition range, the length is adjusted automatically.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Ramp Positions - Digital Modulation**

Opens table by using the **Edit Table ...** button.

The ramps of the selected signal can be edited in the table. When the table is opened, the current configuration of the selected marker/control signal is displayed.

	Ramp Positions	Ramp State
1	20	High
2	50	Low
3	66	High
4	71	Low
5	81	High
6	223	Low
7		Low

The bit position is specified in the **Ramp Position** column, the high or low signal status in the **Ramp State** column. At the end of the list, there is always a blank row for entering new values.

The changes are accepted in the graphic display after pressing the **Accept** button.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Zoom - Digital Modulation**

Zooms the displayed area of the control list. The designation of the button changes from **Zoom in** to **Zoom out**.

With very long control lists, the displayed area can be zoomed to approx. 300 bits around the current cursor position.

Ramps outside the displayed area are not lost by zooming.

Remote-control command: n.a.

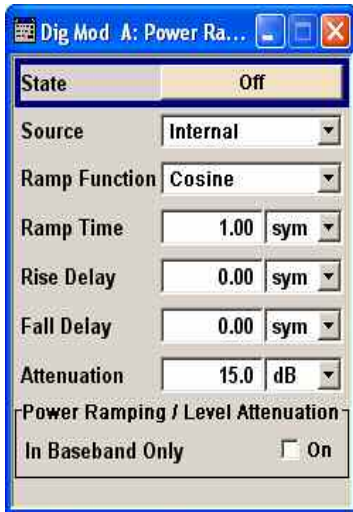
**Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation Menu**

The Power Ramp Control menu is accessed via the **Digital Modulation** main menu.

The menu is used to set the power ramping. Control signals **Burst** and **Lev\_Att** are used to control power ramping (see also section "[Power Ramping and Level Attenuation](#)", page 4.146).

**Note:**

*Power ramping is possible up to a symbol rate of 5 MHz. If a higher symbol rate is set, power ramping is automatically switched off and an error message is output.*



**State - Power Ramp** Enables/disables power ramping.

**Control - Digital Modulation** Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:STAT ON`

**Source - Power Ramp** Enters the source for the power ramp control signals.  
**Control - Digital Modulation**

**Internal** The control signals in the internal control list are used for control purposes.  
 The signals are output on the LEV\_ATT and BURST pin on the AUX I/O interface (in case of two-path instruments, path A).  
 In the case of two-path instruments, the path B signal can be placed on one of the USER interfaces.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:SOUR INT`

**External Digital** The control signal is fed in via the AUX I/O interface.  
 For two-path instruments, path A = LEV-ATT pin, path B = user-definable USER pin or USER connector.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:SOUR EXT`

**Ramp Function - Digital Modulation** Enters the form of the transmitted power, i.e. the shape of the rising and falling edges during power ramp control.

**Linear** The transmitted power rises and falls linear fashion.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:SHAP LIN`

**Cosine** The transmitted power rises and falls with a cosine-shaped edge. This gives rise to a more favorable spectrum than the **Linear** setting.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:SHAP COS`

**Ramp Time - Digital Modulation**

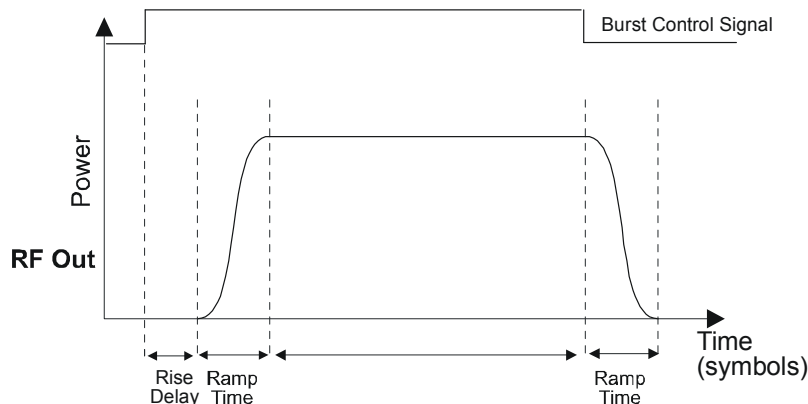
Enters the power ramping rise time and fall time for a burst. The setting is expressed in symbols.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:TIME 2.5

**Rise Delay - Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation**

Sets the offset in the rising edge of the envelope at the start of a burst. A positive value gives rise to a delay (see figure, the envelope length decreases) and a negative value causes an advance (the envelope length increases). The setting is expressed in symbols.



Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:RDEL -1

**Fall Delay - Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation**

Sets the offset in the falling edge of the envelope at the end of a burst. A positive value gives rise to a delay (see figure, the envelope length increases) and a negative value causes an advance (the envelope length decreases). The setting is expressed in symbols.

**Error! Objects cannot be created from editing field codes.**

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:FDEL -1

**Attenuation - Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation**

Sets the level attenuation relative to the average level for the signal ranges in which the level is set to **attenuated** (LEV\_ATT control signal).

The LEV\_ATT control signal is defined in the **Control Data Editor** or supplied via the LEV\_ATT pin on the AUX I/O interface.

In case of two-path instruments, the LEV\_ATT control signal is supplied via the LEV\_ATT pin for path A or via a user-defined USER pin for path B.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:ATT 15 dB

**Baseband Only - Power Ramp Control - Digital Modulation**

**(For SMx instruments only)**

Restricts power ramping to the baseband signal.

**Off**

Level attenuation is effected via the attenuator stages in the RF section; only the remaining part is attenuated in the baseband. The signal is issued at the RF output with the defined level values.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:BBON OFF

On

Level attenuation is effected in the baseband only.

This setting is mandatory in the following cases:  
When only the baseband signal is issued at the I/Q outputs. It is thus ensured that, with power ramping active, this signal is output with the defined level values.

In case of two-path instruments, when a baseband signal is applied to two RF paths. The RF paths having separate frequency and level settings, the remaining attenuation to be effected in the baseband would have to be different for the two paths and is therefore not possible.

Remote-control command:

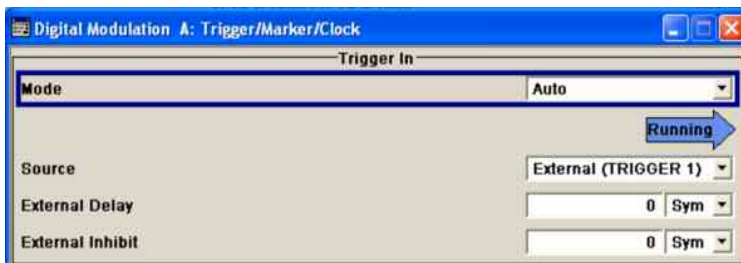
SOUR:BB:DM:PRAM:BBON ON

## Trigger/Marker/Clock - Custom Digital Modulation Menu

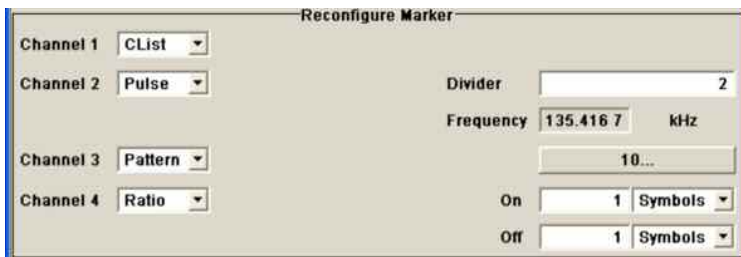
**Note:**

The trigger, clock, and marker delay functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

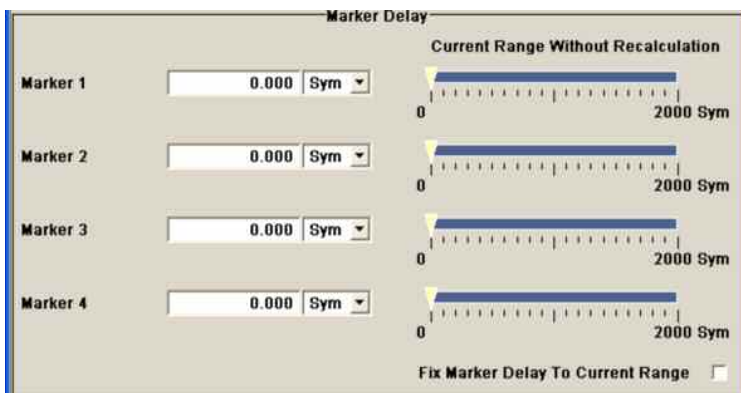
The Trigger menu is accessed via the **Digital Modulation** main menu.



The Trigger In section is where the trigger for the modulation signal is set. Various parameters will be provided for the settings, depending on which trigger source - internal or external - is selected. The current status of signal generation (Running or Stopped) is indicated for all trigger modes.

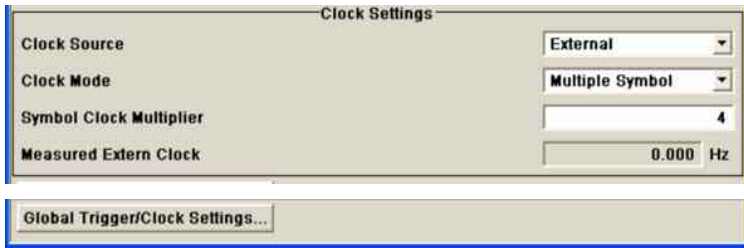


The Reconfigure Marker section is where the marker signals at the MARKER output connectors are configured.



The Marker Delay section is where a marker signal delay can be defined, either without restriction or restricted to the dynamic section, i.e. the section in which it is possible to make settings without restarting signal and marker generation.





The Clock Settings section is where the clock source is selected and - in the case of an external source - the clock type.

The Global Trigger/Clock Settings button leads to a submenu for general trigger, clock and external input settings.

The **Trigger In** section is used to configure the trigger signal for the digital modulation. The current status of signal generation is indicated for all trigger modes.

**Trigger Mode - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects trigger mode.

**Auto**

The digital modulation signal is generated continuously.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ AUTO

**Retrigger**

The digital modulation signal is generated continuously. A trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ RETR

**Armed\_Auto**

The digital modulation signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. Then the digital modulation signal is generated continuously.

Button **Arm** stops signal generation. A subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ AAUT

**Armed\_Retrigger** The digital modulation signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. Then the signal is generated continuously. Every subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

The button **Arm** stops signal generation. A subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ ARET

**Single** The digital modulation signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. Then the signal is generated once to the length specified at **Signal Duration**. Every subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ SING

**Trigger Signal Duration - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**  
Enters the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode. The input is to be expressed in symbols.

Remote-control commands:  
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SLEN 200

**Running - Stopped - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**  
Displays the status of signal generation for all trigger modes. This display appears only when Custom Dig Mod is enabled (**State On**).

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:RMOD?  
Response: RUN or STOP

**Running** The digital modulation signal is generated; a trigger was (internally or externally) initiated in triggered mode.

If **Armed\_Auto** and **Armed\_Retrigger** have been selected, generation of signals can be stopped with the **Arm** button. A new trigger (internally with **Execute Trigger** or externally) causes a restart.

**Stopped** The signal is not generated, and the instrument waits for a trigger event (internal or external).

**Arm - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**  
Stops signal generation. This button appears only with **Running** signal generation in the **Armed\_Auto** and **Armed\_Retrigger** trigger modes.

Signal generation can be restarted by a new trigger (internally with **Execute Trigger** or externally).

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:ARM:EXEC

**Execute Trigger - Digital Modulation****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Executes trigger manually. A manual trigger can be executed only when an internal trigger source and a trigger mode other than **Auto** have been selected.

Remote-control commands:

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT

SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ RETR

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:EXEC

**Trigger Source - Digital Modulation****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects trigger source.

**Internal**

The trigger event is executed by **Execute Trigger**. As a precondition a trigger mode other than **Auto** must be selected.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT

**Internal (Baseband A/B)**

The trigger event is executed by the trigger signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR OBAS

**External (TRIGGER 1/2)**

The trigger event is executed with the aid of the active edge of an external trigger signal. The trigger signal is supplied via the TRIGGER 1 or TRIGGER 2 connector.

The polarity, the trigger threshold and the input impedance of the TRIGGER input can be set in the **Global Trigger Settings** menu.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR BEXT

**Trigger Delay - Digital Modulation****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets trigger signal delay in symbols on external triggering or, in case of two-path instruments, on internal triggering via the second path.

This enables the R&S Signal Generator to be synchronized with the device under test or other external devices.

**Note:**

*For two path instruments, the delay can be set separately for each of the two paths.*

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:EXT:DEL 3

SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OBAS:DEL 3

**Trigger Inhibit - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets the duration for inhibiting a new trigger event subsequent to triggering. The input is to be expressed in symbols.

In the **Retrigger** mode every trigger signal causes signal generation to restart. This restart is inhibited for the specified number of samples.

This parameter is only available on external triggering or, in case of two-path instruments, on internal triggering via the second path.

**Note:**

*For two-path instruments, the trigger inhibit can be set separately for each of the two paths.*

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:EXT:INH 0
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OBAS:INH 0
```

The marker output signal for synchronizing external instruments is configured in the **Marker Settings** section **Reconfigure Marker**.

**Marker x - Digital Modulation**

Selects a marker signal for the associated MARKER output.

**CList**

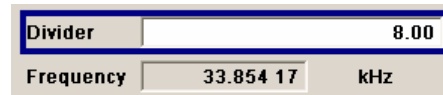
A marker signal that is defined in the selected control list is generated.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE CLIS
SOUR:BB:DM:CLIS:SEL 'control_dm'
```

**Pulse**

A regular marker signal is generated. The clock frequency is defined by entering a divider. The frequency is derived by dividing the sample rate by the divider. The input box for the divider opens when **Pulse** is selected, and the resulting pulse frequency is displayed below it.



Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE PULS
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:PULS:DIV 4
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:PULS:FREQ?
```

**Pattern**

A marker signal that is defined by a bit pattern is generated. The pattern has a maximum length of 32 bits and is defined in an input field which opens when **pattern** is selected.



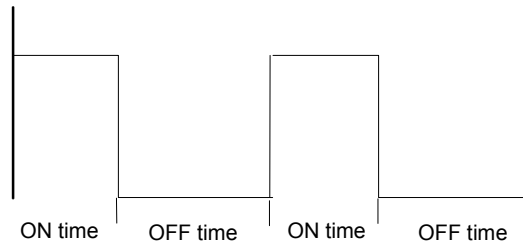
Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE PATT
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:PATT #B1111,4
```

**ON/OFF ratio**

A regular marker signal that is defined by an ON/OFF ratio is generated. A period lasts one ON and OFF cycle.

Start of signal



The ON time and OFF time are each expressed as a number of symbols and are set in an input field which opens when **ON/OFF ratio** is selected.



Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE RAT
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:OFFT 20
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP1:ONT 20
```

The **Marker Delay** section can be used to set a delay for the markers.

**Note:**

*The marker delay functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

**Marker x Delay - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the delay between the marker signal at the marker outputs and the start of the signal.

The input is expressed as a number of symbols.

If the setting "**Fix marker delay to dynamic range**" is enabled, the setting range is restricted to the dynamic range. In this range the delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

The allocation of marker signals to the outputs is described in the section "[Marker Output Signals](#)", page 4.148.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL 20
```

**Current Range without Recalculation - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays the dynamic range within which the delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

The delay can be defined by moving the setting mark.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MAX?
SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MIN?
```

**Fix marker delay to current range - Digital Modulation (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Restricts the marker delay setting range to the dynamic range. In this range the delay can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON`

The clock source is selected in the **Clock Settings** section.

**Note:**

*The clock functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

**Clock Source - Digital Modulation (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects the clock source (also see section "[Clock Signals](#)", page 4.141).

**Internal** The internal clock reference is used.  
 Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR INT`

**External** The external clock reference is fed in as the symbol clock or a multiple thereof via the CLOCK connector.  
 The chip rate must be correctly set to an accuracy of  $\pm 2\%$  (see data sheet).  
 The polarity of the clock input can be changed with the aid of **Global Trigger/Clock/External Input Settings**.  
 In the case of two-path instruments, this selection applies to path A.  
 Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR EXT`

**Clock Mode - Digital Modulation (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the type of externally supplied clock.

**Symbol** A symbol clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.  
 Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:MODE SYMB`

**Multiple Symbol** A multiple of the symbol clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector, the symbol clock is derived internally from this.  
 The **Multiplier** window provided allows the multiplication factor to be entered.

**Note:**

*This setting is not possible if the serial or parallel external data source is selected.*

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:MODE MSYM`  
`SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:MULT 4`

**Bit** A bit clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector; the symbol clock is derived internally from this.

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**Note:**

*This setting is not possible if the serial or parallel external data source is selected.*

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Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:MODE BIT

**Symbol Clock Multiplier - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the multiplication factor for clock type **Multiple**.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:DM:CLOC:MULT 4

**Measured External Clock - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays the measured frequency of the external clock signal. This enables the user to permanently monitor the frequency of the externally introduced clock.

This information is displayed only if the external clock source has been selected.

Remote-control command:

CLOC:INP:FREQ?

**Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings - Digital Modulation**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Calls the **Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings** menu. This menu is used among other things for setting the trigger threshold, the input impedance and the polarity of the clock and trigger inputs. In the case of two-path instruments, these settings are valid for both paths. The parameters in this menu affect all digital modulations and standards, and are described in the section "[Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings - Setup - Environment](#)".

# Arbitrary Waveform Generator ARB

## Introduction - ARB

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**Note:**

*The Arbitrary Waveform Generator is not part of the signal generation software WinIQSIM2. However, WinIQSIM2 allows to create multi carrier and multi segment waveform files, see section ["Create Multi Segment Waveforms - ARB Menu"](#), page 4.206 and ["Create Multi Carrier Waveforms - ARB Menu"](#), page 4.212.*

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The Arbitrary Waveform Generator is an I/Q modulation source forming an integral part of the R&S Signal Generator. It can be used to output any externally calculated modulation signals or internally generated multi carrier signals.

The Arbitrary Waveform Generator is incorporated in the Baseband Generator (B9/B10/B11) option. The Baseband Main Module (B13) option is also required. The three Baseband Generator options feature different ARB memory sizes (see data sheet). Apart from the memory size, however, the three options offer the same functionality, either one can be installed.

In the case of two-path instruments, at least one further Baseband Generator option is needed for waveform output in the second path. Using this option a waveform can be read in on path B and then either routed via path A or added to the signal on path A with a frequency offset that can be set. When path B is fully expanded with a second option Baseband Main Module (B13) and an RF section frequency option (B20x) the waveform can be output on RF output B.

Waveform files can be loaded into the instrument via one of the computer interfaces (USB - memory stick, or Ethernet interface - network drive) or via the IEC bus.



A Windows software package **WinIQSIM2** is available for generating external waveform files on a PC.

It is included among the items and services supplied with the Baseband Generator (B9/B10/B11) option. With effect from version 4.10 and higher, this software defines waveforms in a format which fully exploits the extended functionality of the R&S Signal Generator (e.g. 16-bit resolution, extended memory capacity).

It is also possible to transfer signals that have been calculated using a mathematical program such as Matlab (see also Application Note 1MA28, IQWizard - I/Q Signal Measurement and Conversion, which can be obtained by visiting the Rohde&Schwarz web site at <http://www.rohde-schwarz.com>).

The R&S Signal Generator can actually generate ARB waveforms internally. These files are created and saved in the **ARB** menu.

It is possible to use either predefined or subsequently defined markers that are sent to the marker outputs in synchronicity with the I/Q output signals. The markers have to be selected in the menu and a delay can be selected by the user (see ["Trigger/Marker/Clock - ARB MOD Menu"](#), page 4.198).

Multi segment waveforms consisting of a combination of multiple waveforms can be defined in order to enable rapid alternation between different waveforms with differing test signals. Such waveforms can be used in test systems, for example. Each segment represents a completely independent waveform that is output with its own marker and clock settings. The entire multi segment waveform is loaded into memory. The segment intended to be output at any given moment can be selected by the user. It is therefore possible to alternate between the individual waveform segments without experiencing any delay due to the loading operation.

If very high switchover speeds are required, the test signals can be continuously scrolled through with the aid of an external trigger. For this purpose the segments must have a common sample rate. If the combined waveforms have different sample rates, they can be adapted to a common sample rate by resampling. By the same procedure the instantaneous amplitude of the various waveforms can be scaled to a common rms level.



Typical applications for the multi segment mode are described in the section "[Typical Applications for Multi Segment Waveforms - ARB Menu](#)", page 4.211.

Multi carrier waveforms consisting of up to 32 carriers modulated by user-selectable baseband signals can be created in order to simulate complex multi carrier scenarios with different baseband signals (e.g. CDMA2000 or 3GPP FDD).

The ARB has been produced in the form of an interpolating ARB generator. The resampler operates in such a way that a modulation signal with a sample rate of less than 100 MHz is interpolated on the 100-MHz sample rate and then used as output.

The sample rate must satisfy the following condition:

$$\text{Sample rate} \times 0.31 \geq \text{modulation bandwidth}$$

In the case of digital modulation: Sample rate = symbol rate (or chip rate) x oversampling

The value for the necessary oversampling is then calculated as follows:

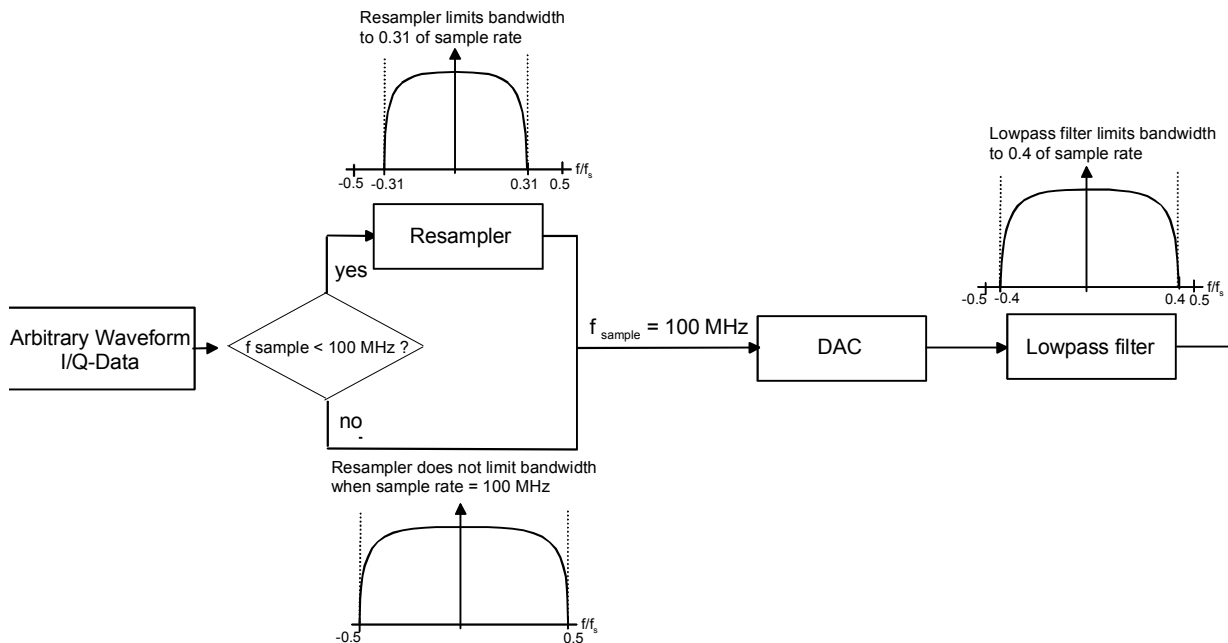
$$\text{Oversampling} \geq \frac{\text{modulation bandwidth}}{\text{symbol (chip)rate} \times 0.31}$$

**Example:**

For the WCDMA digital standard with baseband filter  $\sqrt{\cos}$ ,  $\alpha = 0.22$  the following value is therefore calculated for the necessary oversampling:

$$\text{Modulation bandwidth} = \frac{(1+\alpha)}{2} = 0.61, \text{Oversampling} \geq \frac{0.61}{0.31} = 1.97.$$

A modulation signal with a sample rate of exactly 100 MHz is passed directly to the Analog/Digital converter. The bandwidth is limited to 40 MHz by the lowpass filter only.



The reduced oversampling means that the signal duration is increased when the number of sample values is constant. Accordingly it is the case that when the duration is constant there is a reduction in the required number of sample values. In conventional ARB generators the minimum oversampling is normally held at 4. It therefore follows that with the above WCDMA system parameters and oversampling of 4 for the generation of a waveform with 10 frames (38 400 chips each) 1.5 Msamples are needed. The same waveform needs 740 ksamples in the R&S Signal Generator due to the lower oversampling of 1.97.

Modulation signals generated with the aid of the **WinIQSIM2** software can be optimized by selecting whole number oversampling or by defining a target sample rate, with the aim of achieving optimum exploitation of the maximum possible useful bandwidth, reducing the length of the waveform or obtaining the most extensive possible useful signal in the memory, according to need. Thus at the default target sample rate of 100 MHz, the maximum bandwidth of 40 MHz is available (see above, Signals with a sample rate of exactly 100 MHz).

Modulation signals can be generated without marker signals, whenever the marker functionality can be directly provided by the R&S Signal Generator, thus increasing the maximum waveform length.

The resolution for the I/Q data is 16 bits (16 bits I, 16 bits Q) and there are 4 bits available for the markers. I/Q data and marker data are located in separate memory areas of the SDRAM and can be independently configured (for example the same output clock but different periods).

A memory size of 256 MB (B10) yields a maximum waveform length of 56 MSamples (36 bits for I,Q and 4 markers = 4.5 bytes;  $256/4.5 \approx 56$  MSamples). The maximum waveform length increases to 64 MSamples if the internal hardware markers are used, in this case the complete memory is available for I/Q data (B11 = 16 MSamples).

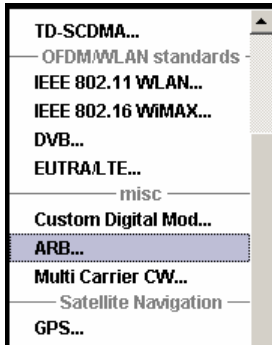
The minimum length of a waveform is 512 samples. If a waveform is shorter than this, it is automatically repeated until it reaches the minimum length.

# ARB Menu

**Note:**

The Arbitrary Waveform Generator is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments and is not part of the signal generation software WinIQSIM2.

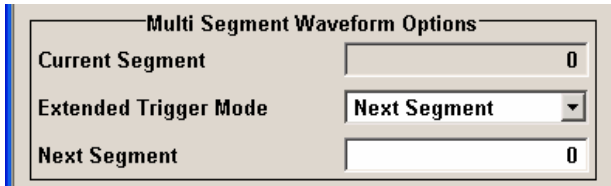
The menu for setting the ARB can be opened either in the **Baseband** block or by using the MENU key under **Baseband**.



The **ARB** menu is divided into an upper and a lower general part together with a **Marker** section.



The upper part of the menu is used for powering up, selecting and configuring ARB modulation.



The section **Multi Segment Waveform Options** is only indicated if a multi segment waveform is loaded. In this part, the segment to be output is selected.



The buttons in the lower part of the menu open submenus for setting triggers and clocks, for configuring a sinusoidal test signal and for calculating a multi segment waveform or a multi carrier waveform.

## ARB MOD Main Menu

The upper part of the menu is used for powering up, selecting and configuring ARB modulation.

### State - ARB

#### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Enables/disables ARB modulation.

Switching on this standard turns off all the other digital standards and digital modulation types (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path).

The output is based on the waveform file that is loaded. The name of the waveform file is displayed next to **Load Waveform**.

If a multi segment waveform is loaded the section **Multi Segment Waveform Options** is indicated. In this section, the segment to be output is selected.

If no waveform file is loaded, ARB modulation cannot be powered up. **None** will be displayed next to **Load Waveform**. An error message asks the user to load a waveform file:

**No waveform file loaded. ARB MOD state remains off. Please select a waveform file to load, before switching ARB MOD state on.**

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:STAT ON

### Set To Default - ARB

#### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Calls default settings. The values are shown in the following table.

Remote-control commands:

SOUR:BB:ARB:PRES

Parameter	Value
State	Off
<b>Trigger</b>	
Mode	Auto
Source	Internal
Ext. Delay	0
Ext. Inhibit	0
<b>Trigger Signal</b>	
Mode	Auto
Source	Internal
External Delay	0
Inhibit	0
<b>Marker Signal</b>	
State	Off
CH. 1 Mode	Restart
CH. 2 Mode	Restart
CH. 3 Mode	Restart
CH. 4 Mode	Restart
Shift in Samples	0
Pulse Frequency	1 kHz

Parameter	Value
Pattern	'0'
ON/OFF ratio	1.1
<b>Clock</b>	
Frequency	1 MHz
Source	Intern
Delay	0
<b>Sine Signal</b>	
Frequency	1 kHz
Samples per Period	100
Phase Offset	90 DEG

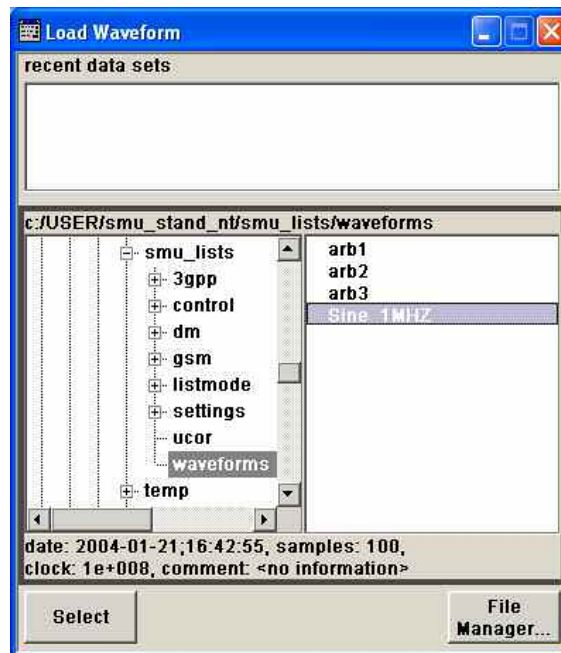
**Load Waveform - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Calls the **File Select** menu for loading the waveform file.

The files last used are listed in the **Recent Data Sets** section. The directory can be selected from the center left section. All waveform files (file extension \*.wv) available from the selected directory are listed on the right side. The file info (tag contents and multi segment state) for the selected file is displayed below the file section.

The **Select...** button selects the marked file. This file is loaded when the ARB modulation is enabled (**State On**).

The **File Manager...** button leads to the file manager (see chapter 3).

**Remote-control command:**

Example for a file in the default directory:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WAV:SEL 'Wave1'
```

Example for a file in a different directory:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WAV:SEL 'd:\user\wave\Wave1.wv'
```

**Clock Frequency - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays or enters the ARB output clock rate.

When the waveform file is loaded, this value is automatically set to the clock rate defined in the file (Clock tag). The user can subsequently alter the value if necessary.

When intending to work with an external clock source, the frequency to be applied must be entered here.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC 10 MHz

The section **Multi Segment Waveform Options** of the menu is only displayed if a multi segment waveform is loaded.

**Current Segment - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Indication of the waveform segment that is currently output.

Remote-control command:

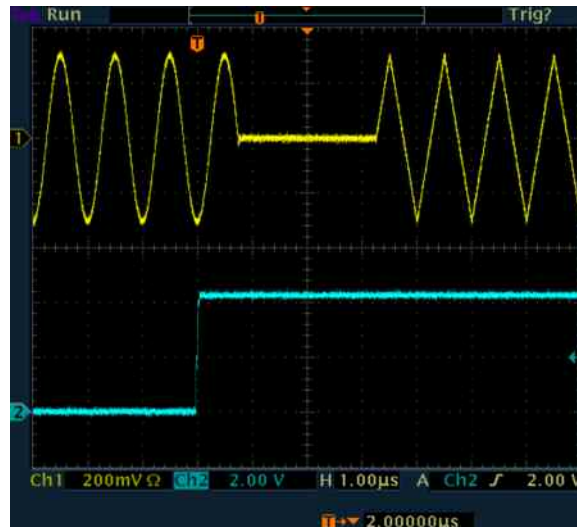
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG

**Extended Trigger Mode - Multi Waveform ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets the extended trigger mode in the case of a multi segment waveform.. Extended trigger mode defines how the switch between segments will take place:

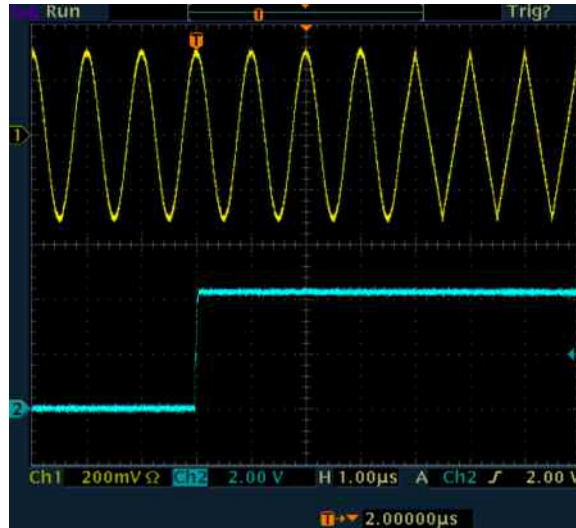
When **Same Segment** and **Next Segment** are selected, the current segment ceases to be output as soon as a new segment is entered in **Next Segment**, and the new segment starts to be output after a system-imposed signal gap.

The following figure shows an example of the transition from a sinewave signal segment to a sawtooth segment (I channel, above) in the case of external triggering (below).



When **Next Segment Seamless** is selected and a new segment is entered in **Next Segment**, the new segment is not output until the whole of the current segment has been output (wrap around). In this case the signal transition is seamless (see **Next Segment Seamless**). A seamless switchover is only possible in the case of segments that have the same sample rate.

The following figure shows an example of the seamless transition from a sinewave signal segment to a sawtooth segment (I channel, above) in the case of external triggering (below).



Extended trigger mode also defines the sequence in which segments will be output:

When **Internal Trigger Source** is selected it is possible to switch to any other segment by changing the entry in **Next Segment**. By selecting **Extended Trigger Mode** it is possible to define whether the new segment is generated immediately or only after the previous segment has been fully generated (wrap around).

Likewise when **External Trigger Source** is selected it is possible to switch to any other segment by changing the entry in **Next Segment**. It is also possible to scroll sequentially to the next available segment in the waveform by activating a trigger. The segment currently being output is displayed at **Current Segment**. The next trigger event after the last segment causes the first segment to be output again. By selecting **Extended Trigger Mode** it is possible to define whether the new segment is generated immediately or only after the previous segment has been fully output (wrap around).

When a multi segment waveform is loaded, generation of the signal starts at the segment defined in **Next Segment**.

The trigger settings in the **Trigger, Marker, Clock** submenu are similarly active. The possible combinations for the two trigger modes are specified in detail in the parameter description below.

#### Same Segment

Depending on the trigger setting, the currently selected segment is continuously output either immediately or after a trigger event.

Signal generation takes place differently according to the trigger selected in the Trigger menu:

In the case of **Trigger = Auto**, output starts at once and the segment is generated continuously. Trigger events are ignored.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, output of the current segment is stopped and the new segment is output immediately, following a system-imposed signal gap (see above).

In the case of **Trigger = Armed\_Auto**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated continuously. Further trigger events are ignored.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is stopped and the new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

In the case of **Trigger = Retrigger**, output starts at once and the segment is generated continuously, a trigger event causes a restart.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, output of the current segment is stopped and the new segment is output immediately, following a system-imposed signal gap (see above).

In the case of **Trigger = Armed\_Retrigger**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated continuously. Further trigger events cause a restart.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is stopped and the new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

In the case of **Trigger = Single**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated once. Further trigger events cause a restart.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is not stopped. The new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD SAME
```

### Next Segment

Depending on the trigger setting, the segment selected under **Next Segment** is output either immediately or after a trigger event.

In the case of **internal Trigger = Auto**, output starts at once and the segment is generated continuously. Trigger events are ignored.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, output of the current segment is stopped and the new segment is output immediately, following a system-imposed signal gap (see above).

In the case of **internal Trigger = Armed\_Auto**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated continuously. Further trigger events are ignored.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is stopped and the new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

In the case of **internal Trigger = Single**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated once. Further trigger events cause a restart.



If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is not stopped. The new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

In the case of **External Trigger = Auto**, output starts at once and the segment is generated continuously. Each trigger event switches over to outputting the next segment. In this case there is a system-imposed signal gap (see above). The segment currently being output is displayed at **Current Segment**. The next trigger event after the last segment causes the first segment to be output again.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, output of the current segment is stopped and the new segment is output immediately, following a system-imposed signal gap (see above).

In the case of **External Trigger = Armed\_Auto**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated continuously. Each trigger event switches over to outputting the next segment. In this case there is a system-imposed signal gap (see above). The segment currently being output is displayed at **Current Segment**. The next trigger event after the last segment causes the first segment to be output again.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is stopped and the new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

In the case of **External Trigger = Single**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated once. Each trigger event switches over to outputting the next segment once. The segment currently being output is displayed at **Current Segment**. The next trigger event after the last segment causes the first segment to be output again.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is not stopped. The new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

The remaining trigger modes (**Retrigger** and **Armed\_Retrigger**) are not available.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD NEXT
```

### **Next Segment Seamless**

The segment selected under **Next Segment** is output.

This mode is only available if all segments have the same sample rate.

In the case of **Internal Trigger = Auto**, output starts at once and the segment is generated continuously. Trigger events are ignored.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, the new segment is output seamlessly after the output of the current segment is complete.

In the case of **internal Trigger = Armed\_Auto**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated continuously. Further trigger events are ignored.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is stopped and the new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

In the case of **External Trigger = Auto**, output starts at once and the segment is generated continuously.

Each trigger event switches over to outputting the next segment once the output of the current segment has been completed. In each case segment currently being output is displayed at **Current Segment**. The next trigger event after the last segment causes the first segment to be output again.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, the new segment is output seamlessly after the output of the current segment is complete.

In the case of **External Trigger = Armed\_Auto**, output starts after the first trigger event. The segment is then generated continuously. Each trigger event switches over to outputting the next segment once the output of the current segment has been completed. The segment currently being output is displayed at **Current Segment**. The next trigger event after the last segment causes the first segment to be output again.

If the segment is changed in **Next Segment**, signal output is stopped and the new segment is not output until a trigger occurs.

The remaining trigger modes (**Retrigger**, **Armed\_Retrigger** and **Single**) are not available.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD NSE

## Next Segment - ARB

### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Selects the waveform segment to be output next. It determines the start segment when switching on the ARB.

For an **internal trigger source**, switchover to any segment is performed by changing the entry at **Next Segment**. Depending on the selected **Extended Trigger Mode** the new segment is output either at once or only after the complete output (wrap around) of the previous segment.

For an **external trigger source**, switchover to any segment is also performed by changing the entry at **Next Segment**. In addition, consecutive switchover to the next segment is performed on the occurrence of each trigger event.

The currently output segment is indicated at **Current Segment**. When the last segment of the multi segment waveform has been output, the sequence starts again with the output of the first segment after the next trigger event.. Depending on the selected **Extended Trigger Mode** the new segment is output either at once or only after the complete output (wrap around) of the previous segment.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:NEXT 1
```

The lower part of the menu is used for setting triggers and clocks, as well as for file management. A simple sinewave signal can also be output for test purposes.

#### Trigger/Marker - ARB

##### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Calls the Trigger and Marker menu.

This menu is used to select the trigger source, set the time delay on an external trigger signal and configure the marker output signals (see section "[Trigger/Marker/Clock - ARB MOD Menu](#)", page 4.198).

Remote-control command: n.a.

#### Execute Trigger - ARB

##### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Executes trigger manually. A manual trigger can be executed only when an internal trigger source and a trigger mode other than Auto are selected.

Remote-control commands:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT
```

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ RETR
```

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:EXEC
```

#### Clock - ARB

##### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Calls the Clock menu. The Clock menu is used to select the clock source (see section "[Trigger/Marker/Clock - ARB MOD Menu](#)", page 4.198).

Remote-control command: n.a.

#### Sine Testsignals - ARB

##### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Calls the menu for generating sinusoidal test signals (see section "[Sine Test Signals - ARB MOD Menu](#)" page 4.205).

Remote-control command: n.a.

#### Multi Segment - ARB

##### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Calls the menu for calculating multi segment waveforms (see section "[Create Multi Segment Waveforms - ARB Menu](#)" page 4.206).

Remote-control command: n.a.

#### Multi Carrier - ARB

##### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

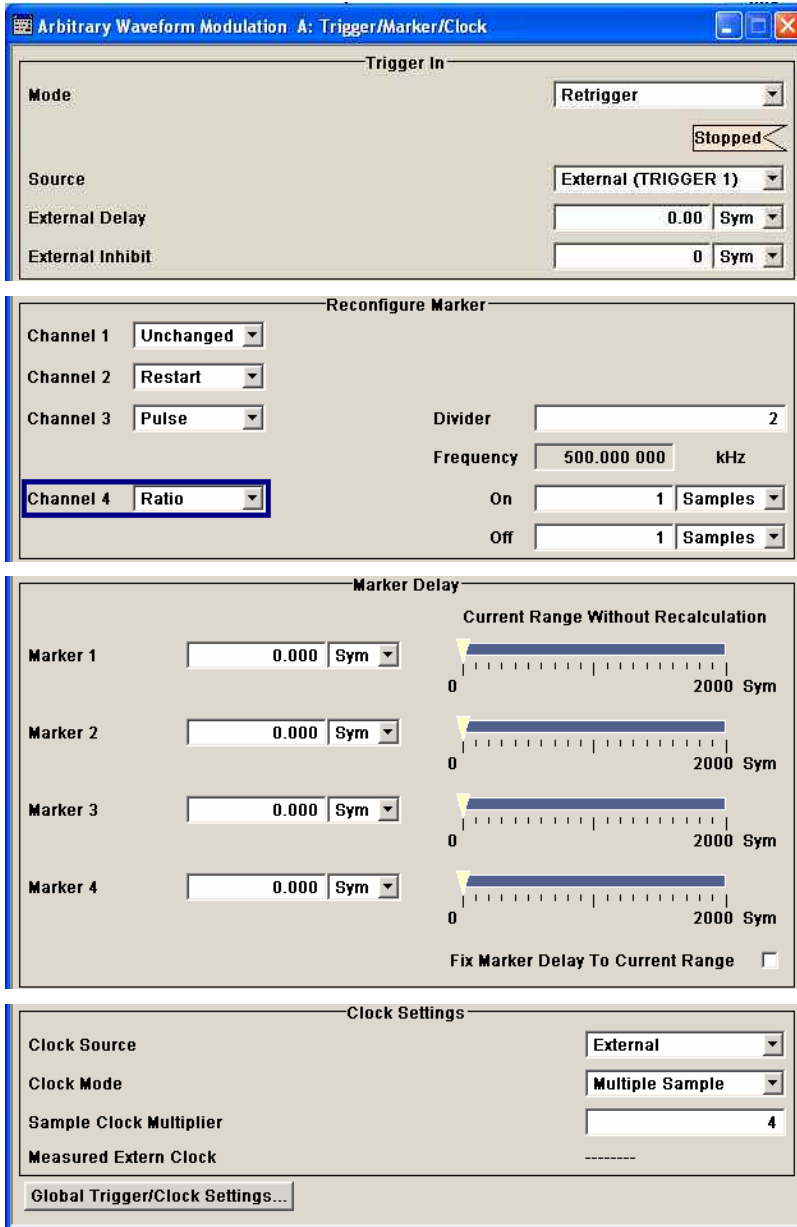
Calls the menu for calculating multi carrier waveforms (see section "[Create Multi Carrier Waveforms - ARB Menu](#)" page 4.212).

Remote-control command: n.a.

## Trigger/Marker/Clock - ARB MOD Menu

The **Trigger/Marker/Clock** menu is used to enter settings for triggers and markers, and to select the clock source. The menu offers internal triggering as well as the two external trigger inputs TRIGGER 1 and 2, and in the case of two-path instruments, it also offers internal triggering by the second path.

The Trigger menu is accessed via the **ARB MOD** main menu.



The **Trigger In** section is where the trigger for the waveform is set. Various parameters will be provided for the settings, depending on which trigger source - internal or external - is selected. The current status of signal output (**Running** or **Stopped**) is indicated for all trigger modes.

In the **Marker Mode** section markers can be defined in addition to the marker settings already defined in the waveform file.

The **Marker Delay** section is where a marker signal delay can be defined, either without restriction or restricted to the dynamic section, i.e., the section in which it is possible to make settings without restarting signal and marker output.

The **Clock Settings** section is where the clock source is selected and - in the case of an external source - the clock type.

The **Global Trigger/Clock Settings** button leads to a submenu for general trigger, clock and external input settings.

The **Trigger In** section is used to configure the trigger signal for the ARB modulation. The current status of waveform output is indicated for all trigger modes.

### Trigger Mode - ARB

(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Selects trigger mode.

For multi segment waveforms, signal output is determined by the Extended Trigger Mode also (see main menu)

<b>Auto</b>	<p>The waveform or segment is output continuously. Signal output starts immediately when ARB modulation is enabled, trigger events are ignored.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ AUTO</p>
<b>Retrigger</b>	<p>The waveform output continuously. Signal output starts immediately when ARB modulation is enabled, a trigger event (internal or external) causes a restart.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ RETR</p>
<b>Armed_Auto</b>	<p>The waveform is output only when a trigger event occurs. Then the waveform is output continuously. Subsequent trigger events are ignored</p> <p>Button <b>Arm</b> stops waveform output. A subsequent trigger event (internal with <b>Execute Trigger</b> or external) causes a restart.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ AAUT</p>
<b>Armed_Retrigger</b>	<p>The waveform is output only when a trigger event occurs. Then the waveform is output continuously. Every subsequent trigger event (internal with <b>Execute Trigger</b> or external) causes a restart.</p> <p>Button <b>Arm</b> stops waveform output. A subsequent trigger event (internal with <b>Execute Trigger</b> or external) causes a restart.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ ARET</p>
<b>Single</b>	<p>The waveform is output only when a trigger event occurs. Then the waveform is output once in the length specified in <b>Signal Duration</b>.</p> <p>Every subsequent trigger event (internal with <b>Execute Trigger</b> or external) causes a restart.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ SING</p>

**Signal Duration Unit - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Defines the unit for the entry of the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode. Available units are samples or sequence length (SL).

Remote-control commands:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLUN SAMP

**Signal Duration - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode. The unit of the entry is defined under **Signal Duration Unit**. It is possible to output deliberately just part of the waveform, an exact sequence of the waveform, or a defined number of repetitions of the waveform.

Remote-control commands:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLEN 2

**Running - Stopped - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays the status of waveform output for all trigger modes.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:RMOD?  
 Response: RUN or STOP

**Running** The waveform is output; a trigger was (internally or externally) initiated in triggered mode.

For selection **Armed\_Auto** and **Armed\_Retrigger** waveform output can be stopped with the **Arm** button. A subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

**Stopped** The Waveform output is stopped. The instrument waits for an internal or external trigger event to restart. ARB modulation is disabled (**State Off**).

**Arm - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Stops waveform output. This button appears only with **Running** signal output in the **Armed\_Auto** and **Armed\_Retrigger** trigger modes.

Signal output can be restarted by a new trigger (internally with **Execute Trigger** or externally).

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:ARM:EXEC

**Execute Trigger - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Executes trigger manually. A manual trigger can be executed only when an internal trigger source and a trigger mode other than Auto have been selected.

Remote-control commands:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ RETR  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:EXEC

**Trigger Source - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects trigger source.

**Internal** The trigger event is executed by **Execute Trigger**. As a precondition a trigger mode other than **Auto** must be selected.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT

**Internal (Baseband A/B)** The trigger event is executed by the trigger signal from the second path (two-path instruments only), depending on their setting. This makes it possible for instance to start the two paths synchronously or with a defined delay.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR OBAS

**External  
(TRIGGER 1|2)**

The trigger event is executed with the aid of the active edge of an external trigger signal. The trigger signal is supplied via the TRIGGER 1 or TRIGGER 2 connector.

The polarity, the trigger threshold and the input impedance of the TRIGGER input can be set in the **Global Trigger Settings** menu.

**Note:**

*For multi segment waveforms, an external trigger source can be used for cyclical output of the segments. Each trigger event starts the output of the next segment. After the last segment, the first segment is output again.*

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR EXT | BEXT

**Trigger Delay - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets trigger signal delay in samples on external triggering or, in case of two-path instruments, on internal triggering via the second path.

This enables the R&S Signal Generator to be synchronized with the device under test or other external devices.

**Note:**

*For two-path instruments, the delay can be set separately for each of the two paths.*

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:EXT:DEL 0

SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OBAS:DEL 0

**Trigger Inhibit - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets the duration for inhibiting a new trigger event subsequent to triggering. The input is to be expressed in samples.

In the **Retrigger** mode, every trigger signal causes signal output to restart. This restart is inhibited for the specified number of samples:

This parameter is only available on external triggering or, in case of two-path instruments, on internal triggering via the second path.

**Note:**

*For two-path instruments, the trigger inhibit can be set separately for each of the two paths.*

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:EXT:INH 0

SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OBAS:INH 0

In the **Marker Mode** section markers can be defined in addition to the marker settings already defined in the waveform file.

**Marker x - ARB**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects a marker signal on the MARKER outputs.

**Note:**

*The marker trace in the waveform file remains unchanged in any case. It is not overwritten, even if something else than **Unchanged** has been selected.*

**Unchanged** The marker signal remains unchanged as defined in the waveform file.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE UNCH

**Restart** A brief marker signal is generated at the start of the waveform or segment.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE REST

**Pulse** A regular marker signal is generated. The pulse frequency is defined by entering a divider. The frequency is derived by dividing the sample rate by the divider. The input box for the divider opens when **Pulse** is selected, and the resulting pulse frequency is displayed below it.

The precision of the frequency setting depends on the sampling rate. The maximum pulse frequency is equal to half of the sampling rate.



Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE PULS  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:PULS:DIV 4  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:PFR?

**Pattern** A marker signal that is defined by a bit pattern is generated. The pattern has a maximum length of 32 bits and is defined in an input field which opens when **pattern** is selected.



The pattern bits switch the marker signal to high and low state.

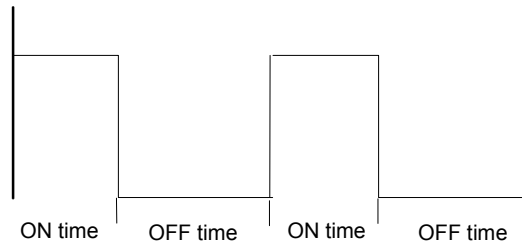
Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE PATT  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:PATT #B11001,5



**ON/OFF ratio**

A regular marker signal that is defined by an ON/OFF ratio is generated. A period lasts one ON and OFF cycle.

Start of signal



The ON time and OFF time are each expressed as a number of samples and are set in an input field which opens when **ON/OFF ratio** is selected.

On Time	20	Samples
Off Time	30	Samples

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE RAT
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:OFFT 30
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP1:ONT 20
```

The delays for the marker output signals are entered in the **Marker Delay** section.

**Marker x Delay - ARB**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the delay between the marker signal at the marker outputs and the start of the signal.

The input is expressed as a number of samples. If the setting "**Fix marker delay to dynamic range**" is enabled, the setting range is restricted to the dynamic range. In this range the delay of the marker signals during signal output can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL 2
```

**Current Range without Recalculation - ARB**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays the dynamic range within which the delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL:MAX?
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL:MIN?
```

**Fix marker delay to current range - ARB**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Restricts the marker delay setting range to the dynamic range. In this range the delay can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON
```

The **Clock Settings** section is used to select the clock source.

**Clock Source - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects the clock source (also see section "[Clock Signals](#)", page 4.141).

**Internal**

The internal clock reference is used to generate the sample clock.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:SOUR INT

**External**

The external clock reference is fed in as the sample clock or a multiple thereof via the CLOCK connector.

The polarity of the clock input can be changed with the aid of Global Trigger/Clock Settings.

In the case of two-path instruments, this selection applies to path A.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:SOUR EXT

**Clock Mode - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the type of externally supplied clock.

**Sample**

A sample clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:MODE SAMP

**Multiple**

A multiple of the sample clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector; the sample clock is derived internally from this.

The **Multiplier** window provided allows the multiplication factor to be entered.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:MODE MSAM

**Sample Clock Multiplier - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the multiplication factor for clock type **Multiple**.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:MULT 4

**Measured External Clock - ARB****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Indicates the measured frequency of the external clock signal. Thus, screening of the external clock is possible.

(External Clock Source only)

The frequency is only indicated when external clock source is selected.

Remote-control command:

CLOC:INP:FREQ?

### Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings - ARB (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Calls the **Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings** menu. This menu is used among other things for setting the trigger threshold, the input impedance and the polarity of the clock and trigger inputs.

In the case of two-path instruments these settings are valid for both paths.

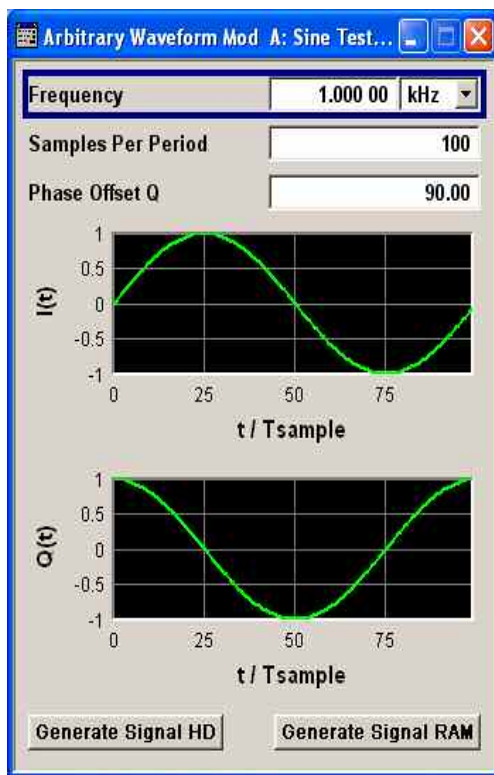
The parameters in this menu affect all digital modulations and standards, and are described in the section "[Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings – Setup -Environment](#)".

## Sine Test Signals - ARB MOD Menu

The **Sine Test Signals** menu is accessed via the **ARB MOD** main menu.

The menu can be used to configure a sinusoidal test signal. A sine wave is always generated on the I path, and optionally a sine wave of the same frequency but phase-shifted can be generated on the Q path.

The signal actually set is displayed in graphical form in the center of the menu.



### Frequency - ARB

### (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)

Enters the frequency of the test signal.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:TSIG:SINE:FREQ 2 MHz
```

- Samples per Period - ARB** (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)
- Enters the number of sample values required from the sine wave per period.
- The resulting clock rate must not exceed the maximum ARB clock rate (100 MHz). The number of sample values is automatically restricted by reference to the set frequency.
- Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TSIG:SINE:SAMP 35
- Phase Offset Q - ARB** (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)
- Enters the phase offset of the sinewave signal on the Q channel relative to the sinewave signal on the I channel.
- Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:TSIG:SINE:PHAS 75DEG
- Generate Signal HD - ARB** (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)
- Generates a signal and saves it to a file.
- The File Select window opens automatically and the signal can be stored as a waveform file.
- Remote-control command: n.a.
- Generate Signal RAM - ARB** (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)
- Generates a signal and uses it as output straight away.
- Remote-control command: n.a.

## Create Multi Segment Waveforms - ARB Menu

The **Multi Segment...** menu is accessed via the **ARB** main menu.

The menu can be used to create a multi segment waveform from existing waveforms and save it under its own name. As with normal waveforms, the file extension is **\*.wv**. Information on whether a file is a multi segment waveform is displayed in the File menu with the tag information when a waveform is loaded.

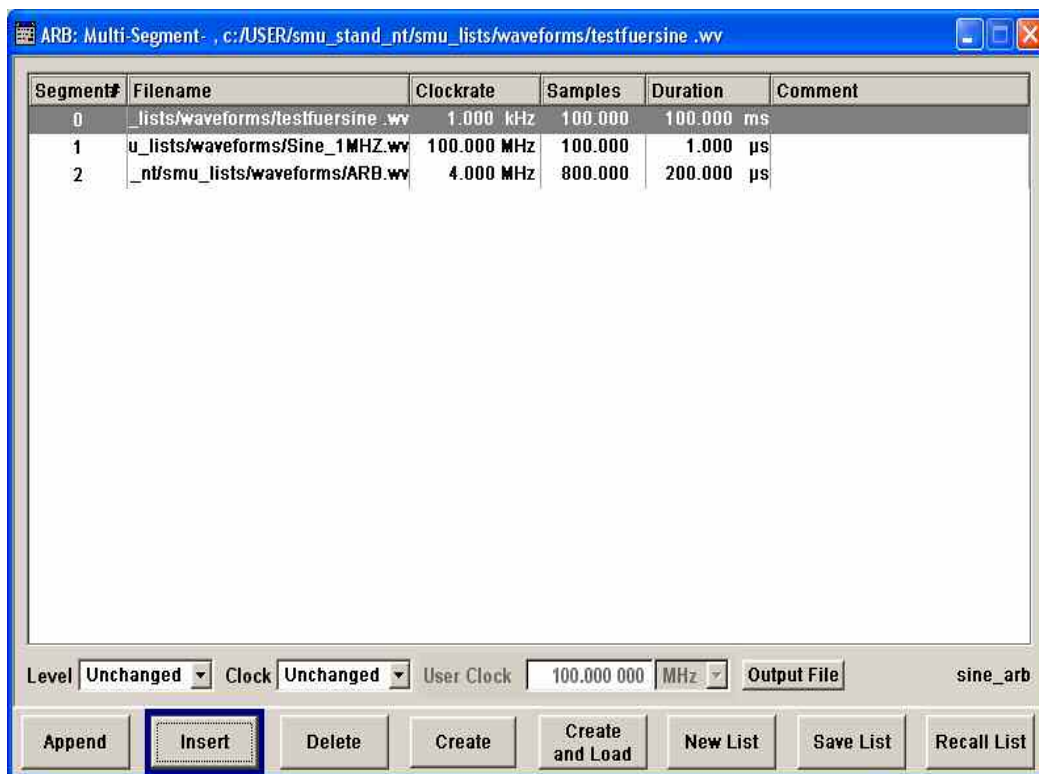
If the combined waveforms have different sample rates, they can be adapted to a common sample rate by resampling. By the same procedure the instantaneous amplitude of the various waveforms can be scaled to a common rms level.

The configuration of a multi segment waveform, that is to say details of how it is made up from different waveforms, the level and clock rate settings, and the file name, can be saved separately in a list. The file extension is **\*.inf\_mswv**. This method can be used to create any number of configurations as a basis for defining further multi segment waveforms.

Example for the creation of a multi segment waveform file.

1. Create empty list (**New List**)
2. Append two or more waveform files (**Append** or **Insert**)
3. Set level and clock mode (**Level** and **Clock**)
4. Enter file name (**Output File**)

5. Save configuration (**Save List**)
6. Save multi segment waveform (**Create** or **Create and Load**)



**State - Multi Segment ARB (For WinIQSIM2 only)**

Enables/disables multi segment generation.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:STAT ON

**Multi Segment Table - Multi Segment ARB**

The table lists the individual waveforms (segments) of the selected multi segment waveform. The information about the segments is taken from the tags of the corresponding waveform files.

**Segment#** Indication of segment index. The segment index is used to select the segment to be output.

The segment index also defines the sequence of the output during external triggering in the **Next Segment** or **Next Segment Seamless** trigger modes.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**File Name** Indication of the path and waveform file name of the segment.

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Clock Rate** Indication of the clock rate of the segment.

The polarity of the clock input can be changed with the aid of **Global Trigger/Clock Settings**.

Remote-control command: n.a.

	<b>Duration</b>	Indication of the segment duration. Remote-control command: n.a.
	<b>Samples</b>	Indication of the number of samples in the segment. Remote-control command: n.a.
	<b>Comment</b>	Indication of the comment on the segment Remote-control command: n.a.
<b>Level - Multi Segment ARB</b>		Defines the level mode for the multi segment waveform.
	<b>Unchanged</b>	Segments are output exactly as defined in the files. The <b>Level</b> display applies only to the segment with the highest rms value. In some circumstances the remaining segments are output at a lower level than that displayed.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:CONF:LEV:MODE UNCH
	<b>Equal RMS</b>	Segments are output so that all segments have the same rms value. The <b>Level</b> display applies to all segments.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:CONF:LEV:MODE ERMS
<b>Clock - Multi Segment ARB</b>		Selects the clock rate mode for the multi segment waveform.
	<b>Unchanged</b>	A segment is output with the clock rate defined in the file.  If segments have different clock rates, extended trigger mode <b>Next Segment</b> allows internal segment switchovers only ( <b>Internal</b> trigger source).  Extended trigger mode <b>Next Segment Seamless</b> can only be selected if all segments have the same clock rate.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC:MODE UNCH
	<b>Highest</b>	All segments are output at the highest available clock rate.  This mode provides very short switchover times between segments.  The time for calculating the multi segment waveform is increased since the individual segments have to be resampled.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC:MODE HIGH

	<b>User</b>	<p>All segments are output at the clock rate defined in <b>User Clock</b>.</p> <p>This mode provides very short switchover times between segments.</p> <p>The time for calculating the multi segment waveform is increased since the individual segments have to be resampled.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC:MODE USER</p>
<b>User Clock - Multi Segment ARB</b>	<p>Defines the sample rate used for multi segment waveform output in case of Clock Mode <b>User</b>.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC 50MHz</p>	
<b>Output file - Multi Segment ARB</b>	<p>Opens the <b>File</b> menu, where the file name of the multi segment waveform which has to be calculated can be entered.</p> <p>The multi segment waveform is saved under this name by clicking the <b>Create</b> or <b>Create and Load</b> button.</p> <p>A name must also be entered here before the list can be saved as a configuration file (<b>Save List</b>). In this case the name is needed for internal storage procedures. It is entered as the default name for the multi segment waveform file when loading the list.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL "Multi1"</p>	
<b>Append - Multi Segment ARB</b>	<p>Opens the file menu to enter the file name of the waveform file to be appended.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGM:APP 'arb2'</p>	
<b>Insert - Multi Segment ARB</b>	<p>Opens the file menu to enter the file name of the waveform file to be inserted. The new waveform is inserted above the marked line.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>	
<b>Delete- Multi Segment ARB</b>	<p>Deletes the selected segment.</p> <p>Remote-control command: n.a.</p>	
<b>Create- Multi Segment ARB</b>	<p><b>(For R&amp;S SMx and R&amp;S AMU instruments only)</b></p> <p>Creates a new multi segment waveform using the current table entries.</p> <p>This multi segment waveform is saved with the file name specified in <b>Output File</b>. If no file name is specified, the File Manager opens so that the file name can be entered. As with normal waveforms, the file extension is <b>*.wv</b>.</p> <p>Depending on the configuration of the multi segment waveform, calculation may take some time. A panel with a progress bar and an <b>Abort</b> button appears during creating of the multi segment waveform.</p>	

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CRE "conf_16"
```

(in remote control the configuration file to be used for the creation of the multi segment waveform is defined with the command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CRE or SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CLO.
```

The file name of the waveform file is always determined with the command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL 'wv_name')
```

### Create and Load- Multi Segment ARB

**(For R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Creates a new multi segment waveform using the current table entries.

This multi segment waveform is saved with the file name specified in **Output File**. If no file name is specified, the File Manager opens so that the file name can be entered. As with normal waveforms, the file extension is **\*.wv**.

Depending on the configuration of the multi segment waveform, calculation may take some time.

Following this the **Create Multi Segment Waveform File** submenu is closed and the new multi segment waveform is loaded. The digital standard **ARB** is activated and the first segment of the waveform is output in accordance with the trigger settings.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CLO "conf_16"
```

(in remote control the configuration file to be used for the creation of the multi segment waveform is defined with command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CRE or SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CLO.
```

The file name of the waveform file is always determined with the command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL 'wv_name')
```

### New List- Multi Segment ARB

Deletes all entries of the table. A new configuration table is created.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL "new_mseg"
```

### Save List- Multi Segment ARB

Saves the current entries of the table in a configuration file, including the level mode, clock mode and output file name settings.

The file name is entered in the **File** menu. Configuration files have the file extension **\*.inf\_mswv**. They can be used later as the basis for further multi segment waveforms.

Before a multi segment configuration file can be saved, a file name must be entered in **Output File**, since this is saved with the configuration file for internal purposes. This file name is also used as the default name for the multi segment waveform when loading the configuration file.



Remote-control command: n.a.

(in remote control the configuration file to be used for the creation of the multi segment waveform is defined with the command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CRE or SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CLO.

The file name of the waveform file is always determined with the command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL 'wv\_name')

**Recall List- Multi Segment ARB** Opens the file menu to select the configuration file to be edited.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL "multi\_seg2"

## Typical Applications for Multi Segment Waveforms - ARB Menu

### High Speed Switchovers

To test DUTs/chips using different test signals at high throughput requires extremely fast switchovers (for instance when testing ATE devices during manufacture). The following settings enable switching times of approx. 5  $\mu$ s and the test signals are scrolled through with the aid of an external trigger signal.

**Trigger Mode = Auto**

**Trigger Source = External Trigger 1 or 2**

If the waveforms have different sample rates:

**Clock Mode = Highest or User** (when creating the waveform in the Multi Segment Editor)

### Flexible Dynamic Switchovers

When testing DUTs using different test signals, it may be necessary to switch dynamically and flexibly between any of the test signals, for instance depending on the outcome of the previous test. When using remote control via an external computer, the following settings enable switching times of approx. 20 ms for segments with the same sample rate and approx. 200 ms for segments with different sample rates.

**Extended Trigger Mode = Next Segment**

**Trigger Mode = Auto**

**Trigger Source = Internal**

### Flexible Dynamic Switchovers without Signal Interruptions

Testing receivers requires a continuous output of different test signals without interrupting the signal. The test signals then produce a complex total signal with no signal gaps on switchover. Control procedures can use a simulated back channel of the receiver (trigger line or remote control).

Switching times depend on the length of the segment currently being output, since switchover to the next segment does not take place until the current segment comes to an end.

**Extended Trigger Mode = Next Segment Seamless**

**Trigger Mode = Auto**

**Trigger Source = Internal or External**

If the waveforms have different sample rates:

**Clock Mode = Highest or User** (when creating the waveform in the Multi Segment Editor)

## Create Multi Carrier Waveforms - ARB Menu

The **Multi Carrier...** menu is accessed via the **ARB** main menu.

The menu can be used to create a multi carrier waveform and save it under its own name. As with normal waveforms, the file extension is **\*.wv**. Information on clock rate, number of samples and creation day is displayed in the File menu when a waveform is loaded.

Multi carrier waveforms of up to 32 modulated carriers can be configured. The carriers are equally spaced and centered toward the RF frequency or baseband DC line, respectively. The carrier spacing is adjustable within the total available baseband bandwidth of 80 MHz. Each carrier can be separately defined in terms of power, phase and modulated input signal. Optionally, crest factor optimization can be applied.

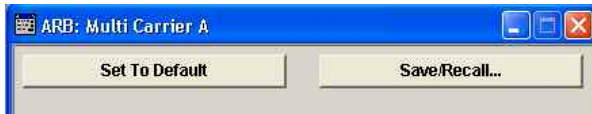
Thus, multi carrier waveforms can be very easily configured as broadband test signals and used for such purposes as transmitter or receiver tests. In addition. Even complex multi carrier scenarios composed of signals from different digital standards can be created and used for these tests.

Example for the creation of a multi carrier waveform file.

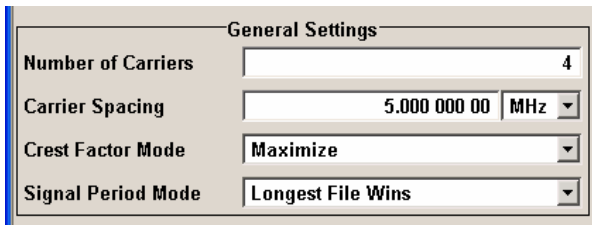
1. Configure general settings
2. Configure carrier table
3. Enter file name of multi carrier waveform (**Output File**)
4. Save and load multi carrier waveform (**Create** or **Create and Load**)

### ARB Multi Carrier Submenu

The **Multi Carrier** submenu is divided into the following sections.



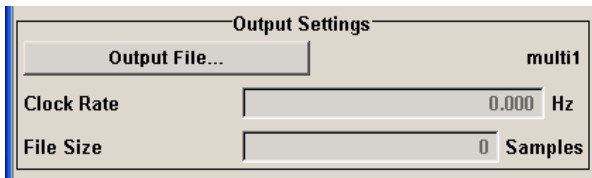
The upper part of the menu is used for calling the default settings and saving and recalling the submenu settings.



The **General Settings** section is used to configure the main multi carrier waveform.



The buttons in the middle part of the menu open submenus for defining the carrier table. The carrier settings can be checked in the graphical **Carrier Graph...** submenu.



The **Output Settings** section indicates the name, the size and the clock rate of the multi carrier waveform (after calculation).



The buttons in the lower part of the menu activate creation and optionally loading of multi carrier waveform files into the main ARB menu.

The upper part of the menu is used for calling the default settings and saving and recalling existing ARB multi carrier submenu settings.

**State - ARB Multi Carrier** Enables/disables multi carrier generation.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:STAT ON

**Set to Default - ARB Multi Carrier** Calls default settings. The values are shown in the following table.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:PRES

Parameter	Value
General Settings	
Number of Carriers	1
Carrier Spacing	0 MHz
Crest Factor Mode	Off
Signal Period Mode	Longest file wins

**Save/Recall Frame - ARB Multi Carrier** Calls the **Save/Recall** menu.

From the **Save/Recall** menu the **File Select** windows for saving and recalling the configurations of the ARB **Multi Carrier** submenu and the **File Manager** can be called.



Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:SETT:CAT?  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:SETT:LOAD 'M\_carr1'  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:SETT:STOR 'M\_carr2'

The **General Settings** section is used to configure the Multi Carrier signal.

**Number of Carriers - ARB Multi Carrier** Sets the number of carriers for the multi carrier waveform.

By default the multi carrier table lists 1 carrier. A maximum of 32 carriers can be configured and activated.

When the number of carriers is increased, the multi carrier table is extended by adding further lines at the end of the table. If these carrier already have been defined before, the settings are preset according to the former settings. Otherwise the parameters are preset with the default values.

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:COUN 22

**Carrier Spacing - ARB Multi Carrier** Sets the frequency spacing between adjacent carriers of the multi carrier waveform.

The carriers are arranged symmetrically around the RF carrier.

The maximum carrier spacing is limited to

$$\text{Carrier spacing} = \text{Total baseband bandwidth} / (\text{Number of carriers} - 1);$$

The total baseband bandwidth is 80 MHz.

**Note:**

*In order to avoid wrap-around problems, the effective **Carrier Spacing** might be slightly modified. The **Carrier Spacing** is rounded in that way that the carrier closest to the center RF frequency shows no phase jump assuming that the carrier is unmodulated.*

*For odd number of carriers:*

$$\text{RoundedCarrierSpacing} = 1 / \text{OutputSignalDuration} * \text{round}(\text{CarrierSpacing} * \text{OutputSignalDuration});$$

*For even number of carriers:*

$$\text{RoundedCarrierSpacing} = 2 / \text{OutputSignalDuration} * \text{round}(0.5 * \text{CarrierSpacing} * \text{OutputSignalDuration}).$$

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:SPAC 10 kHz

**Crest Factor Mode - ARB Multi Carrier**

Selects the mode for optimizing the crest factor by calculating the carrier phases.

The crest factor represents the ratio of the peak voltage value to the rms voltage value. The higher the crest factor and resulting dynamics of a signal, the greater the requirement for a power amplifier fed by the signal to be linear.

The following modes are available:

**Off** There is no automatic setting for minimizing or maximizing the crest factor. The **Phase** setting as defined in the carrier table is in use.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CFAC:MODE OFF

**Minimize** The crest factor is minimized by internally calculating optimized carrier phases. The Phase setting displayed in the carrier table is invalid.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CFAC:MODE MIN

**Maximize** The crest factor is maximized by internally calculating optimized carrier phases. The Phase setting displayed in the carrier table is invalid.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CFAC:MODE MAX

**Signal Period Mode - ARB Multi Carrier**

Selects the mode for calculating the resulting signal period of the multi carrier waveform. The carrier table provides an information button to obtain sample rate and file length data of each carrier.

The resulting period is always calculated for all carriers in the carrier table irrespective of their state (ON/OFF).

**Note:**

*Wrap-around and timing problems may occur when I/Q signals of different length are used. Thus, demodulation of a carrier may be difficult or even impossible. It is therefore recommended to consider the timing already when creating the input I/Q files or to adjust the signal duration to the carrier which is subsequently demodulated (in this case, the other carriers are for interfering the signal only). These problems do not arise with signals of the same standard (e.g. 3GPP).*

The following modes are available:

<b>Longest File Wins</b>	The resulting signal period is defined by the longest I/Q file in the carrier table. Shorter I/Q files are periodically repeated.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:TIME:MODE LONG
<b>Shortest File Wins</b>	The resulting signal period is defined by the shortest I/Q file in the carrier table. Only the first part of longer I/Q files is used.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:TIME:MODE SHOR
<b>User</b>	The signal period can be set by the user in the <b>Signal Period</b> field. Shorter I/Q files are repeated periodically, and only the first part of longer I/Q files is used.  Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:TIME:MODE USER

**Signal Period - ARB Multi Carrier****(For R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

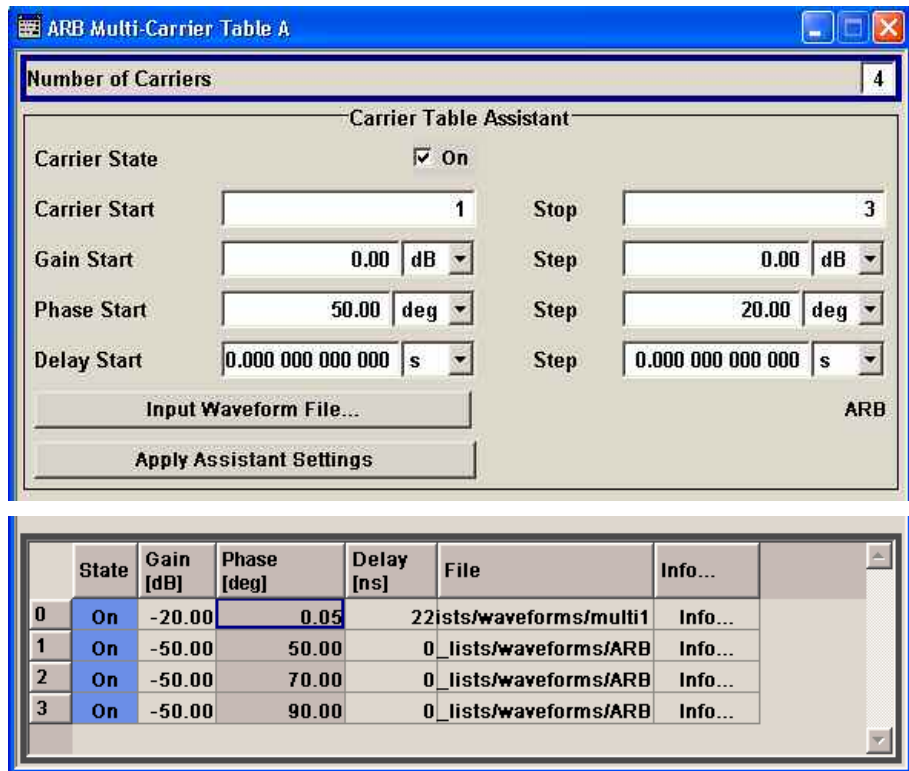
Sets the signal period in Signal Duration Mode **User**. Shorter I/Q files are repeated periodically, and only the first part of longer I/Q files is used.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:TIME 1s

The buttons in the middle part of the menu open submenus for defining the carrier table. The carrier settings can be checked in the graphical **Carrier Graph** submenu. The **Carrier Table Assistant** section can be used to set a selectable carrier range.

**Carrier Table Submenu - ARB Multi Carrier**

Calls the table for configuring individual carriers. A selectable carrier range can be set with the aid of the optional **Carrier Table Assistant**. The multi carrier configuration can be checked with the aid of the **Carrier Graph**.



The **Carrier Table Assistant** serves as an optional means to quickly set up a multi carrier scenario within a specified carrier range.

**Number of Carriers - ARB Multi Carrier**

Defines the number of carriers of the multi carrier waveform. This parameter is identical to that in the **General Setting** section.

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:ARB:MCA:COUNT 22`

**Carrier State - ARB Multi Carrier**

Switches the carriers in the range **Carrier Start** to **Carrier Stop** on/off. Remote-control command  
`SOUR:BB:ARB:MCA:EDIT:CARR:STAT ON`

**Carrier Start - ARB Multi Carrier**

Defines the start index of the carrier range to which the assistant settings are intended to apply. Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:ARB:MCA:EDIT:CARR:STAR 2`

**Carrier Stop - ARB Multi Carrier**

Defines the stop index of the carrier range to which the assistant settings are intended to apply. Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:ARB:MCA:CARR:CARR:STOP 20`

**Gain Start - ARB Multi Carrier**

Sets the gain of the carrier marked by **Carrier Start**. Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:ARB:MCA:EDIT:CARR:POW 0 dB`

<b>Gain Step - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Sets the step width that is used to increment the gain</p> <p>The resulting carrier gain in the carrier table equals:</p> $\text{GainStart} + n * \text{Gain Step}$ <p>where n ranges from 0 to (Carrier Stop - Carrier Start).</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP -0.2 dB</pre>
<b>Phase Start - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Sets the phase of the carrier marked by <b>Carrier Start</b>.</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS 0</pre>
<b>Phase Step - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Sets the step width that is used to increment the phase.</p> <p>The resulting phase in the carrier table equals:</p> $\text{PhaseStart} + n * \text{PhaseStep}$ <p>where n ranges from 0 to (Carrier Stop – Carrier Start)</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP 1DEG</pre>
<b>Delay Start - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Sets the delay of the carrier marked by <b>Carrier Start</b>.</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL 0</pre>
<b>Delay Step - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Sets the step width that is used to increment the delay</p> <p>The resulting delay in the carrier table equals:</p> $\text{DelayStart} + n * \text{DelayStep}$ <p>where n ranges from 0 to (Carrier Stop – Carrier Start).</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL:STEP 10us</pre>
<b>Input Waveform File - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Calls the <b>File</b> menu for selecting the inputfile with the I/Q signal to be modulated onto all carriers of the selected carrier range.</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:FILE "iq_test"</pre>
<b>Apply Assistant Settings - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>Transfer the assistant settings to the carrier table.</p> <p>Remote-control command:</p> <pre>SOUR:BB:ARB:M CAR:EDIT:CARR:EXEC</pre>
<b>Carrier Table - ARB Multi Carrier</b>	<p>The table displays the settings of all available carriers. Previously applied assistant settings can be further refined. The number of lines corresponds to the number of carriers.</p>

**Note:**

*The phase/deg settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (Crest Factor Mode = Off).*

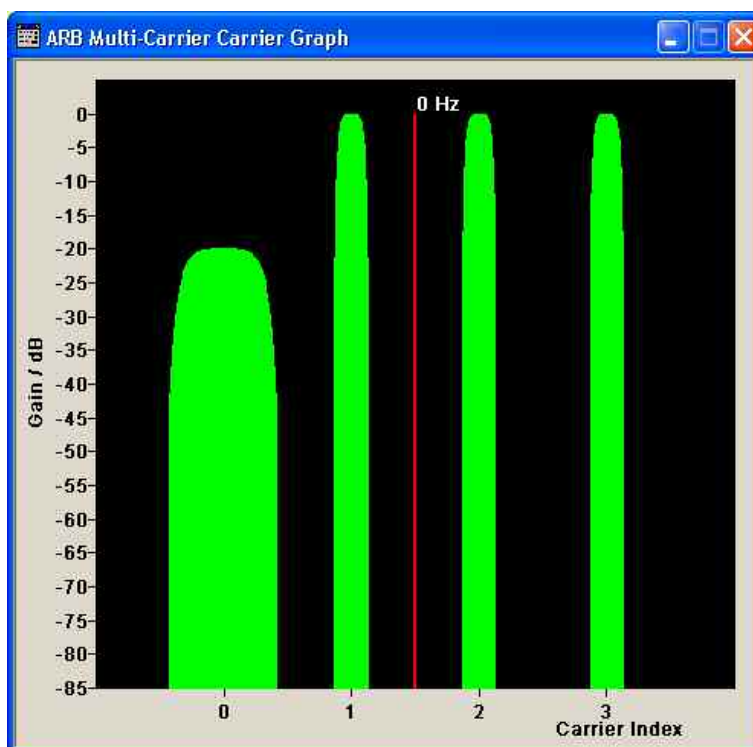
	State	Gain [dB]	Phase [deg]	Delay [ns]	File	Info...
0	On	-20.00	0.05	22	ists/waveforms/multi1	Info...
1	On	-50.00	50.00	0	_lists/waveforms/ARB	Info...
2	On	-50.00	70.00	0	_lists/waveforms/ARB	Info...
3	On	-50.00	90.00	0	_lists/waveforms/ARB	Info...

- No.** Indicates the carrier index ranging from 0 to (number of carriers -1).  
 Remote-control command:  
 - individual carriers can be set using the commands:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR: . .  
 by specifying the index in the parameter.
- State** Switches On/Off a carrier.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR2:STAT ON
- Gain** Sets the gain of a carrier.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR2:POW -30dB
- Phase** Sets the starting phase of a carrier.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR2:PHAS 0DEG
- Delay** Sets the starting delay of a carrier.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR2:DEL 2US
- File** Calls the **File** menu for selecting the input file with the I/Q signal to be modulated onto the carrier.  
 Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR2:FILE "iq\_test"
- Info** Indicates the sample rate, number of I/Q value pairs (number of samples), and the resulting signal period of the selected I/Q input file.  
 Remote-control command: n.a.

**Carrier Graph - ARB Multi Carrier**

Calls a graphical representation of the current multi carrier configuration in the frequency domain.  
 The height of the bars corresponds to the chosen gain of each individual carrier. The bandwidth of the carriers signals is indicated by the width of the bars.





The **Output Settings** section in the multi carrier main menu indicates the name, the size and the clock rate of the currently calculated multi carrier output file.

#### File - ARB Multi Carrier

Opens the **File** menu, where the output file name of the multi carrier waveform which has to be calculated can be entered.

The multi carrier waveform is calculated and saved under this name by clicking the **Create** or **Create and Load** button.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:WCAR:OFIL "Multi1"
```

#### Clock Rate - ARB Multi Carrier

Displays the resulting sample rate at which the multi carrier waveform is output by the arbitrary waveform generator. The output clock rate depends on the number of carriers, carrier spacing and input sample rate of the leftmost or rightmost carriers.

Remote-control command

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CLOC?
```

#### File Size - ARB Multi Carrier

Displays the resulting number of samples of the multi carrier waveform.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:SAMP?
```

#### Create - ARB Multi Carrier

Creates a new multi carrier waveform defined by the multi carrier table and General Setting entries.

This multi carrier waveform is saved with the file name specified in **Output File**. If no file name is specified, the File Manager opens so that the file name can be entered. As with normal waveforms, the file extension is **\*.wv**.

Depending on the configuration of the multi carrier waveform, calculation may take some time. A panel with a progress bar and an **Abort** button appears during the calculation process.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CRE
```

(in remote control the file name of the multi carrier waveform file is determined with command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL 'wv_name')
```

### Create and Load - ARB Multi Carrier

Creates a new multi carrier waveform defined by the multi carrier table and General Setting entries and loads it subsequently in the **ARB** main menu.

This multi carrier waveform is saved with the file name specified in **Output File**. If no file name is specified, the File Manager opens so that the file name can be entered. As with normal waveforms, the file extension is **\*.wv**.

Depending on the configuration of the multi carrier waveform, calculation may take some time. A panel with a progress bar and an **Abort** button appears during the calculation process.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CLO
```

(in remote control the file name of the waveform file is determined with command:

```
SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL 'wv_name')
```

## Typical Applications for Multi Carrier Waveforms - ARB Menu

High Power Amplifiers of multi carrier base stations face increased requirements in terms of linearity and acceptable intermodulation performance. A standard transmitter test might be quickly setup by the following instructions.

- Load a standardized 3GPP downlink test model, e.g. **Test Model 1\_16**; Set State to **ON**
- Create a 3GPP Testmodel ARB file by activating **Generate Waveform File**.
- Setup a multi carrier scenario with 4 carriers and a carrier spacing of 5 MHz.
- Apply the input file containing the previously generated 3GPP testmodel to all 4 carriers.

# Multi Carrier Continuous Wave

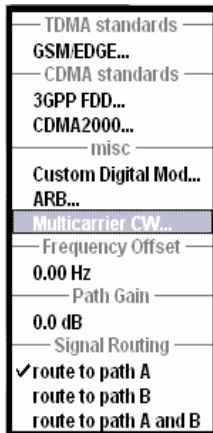
## Introduction - Multi Carrier CW

The R&S Signal Generator can generate a Multi Carrier CW signal with user-definable offset from carrier, based on a selection of up to 8192 unmodulated carriers. Each carrier can be separately set and switched on, or multiple carriers can be jointly configured. Automatic start phase setting is provided in order to minimize the crest factor.

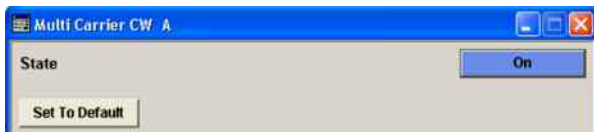
Multi Carrier CW signals can be very easily configured as broadband test signals and used for such purposes as receiver tests.

The equipment layout for generating multi carrier signals includes the options Baseband Main Module (B13) and one of the options Baseband Generator (B9/B10/B11) and option Multi Carrier CW (K61).

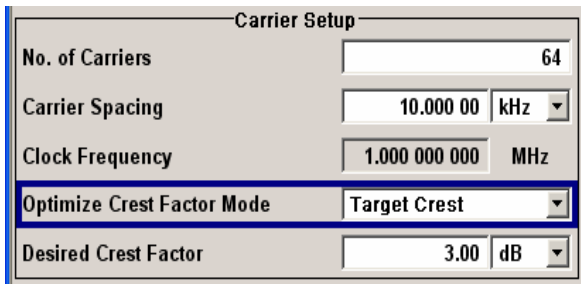
The menu for setting a Multi Carrier CW signal can be opened either in the Baseband function block or in the menu tree for the **[MENU]** key under Baseband.



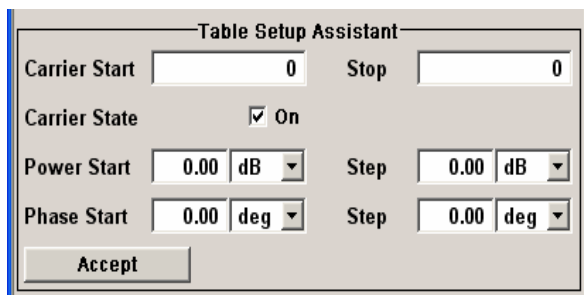
The **Multi Carrier CW** menu is divided into the following sections.



The upper part of the menu is used for powering up the Multi Carrier CW and calling the default settings.



The **Carrier Setup** section is used to configure the Multi Carrier CW signal.



The **Table Setup Assistant** section can be used to set a selectable carrier range.



The buttons in the lower part of the menu open submenus for defining carrier tables and for configuring markers and, in case of two-path instruments, triggers and clocks. The carrier settings can be checked in the graphical **Carrier Graph** submenu.

## Multi Carrier CW Main Menu

The upper part of the menu is used for powering up the Multi Carrier CW signal and calling the default settings.

### State - Multi Carrier CW

Enables/disables the Multi Carrier CW.

Switching on this standard turns off all the other digital standards and digital modulation modes (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path).

Since Multi Carrier CW signals are computed in arbitrary waveform mode, changes to the settings of individual carriers are not adopted until the **Accept** button is pressed. This applies to the settings in the **Table Setup Assistant** menu section and the **Carrier Table** submenu.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:STAT ON

### Set to Default - Multi Carrier CW

Calls default settings. The values are shown in the following table.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:PRES

Parameter	Value
State	Not affected by <b>Set to Default</b>
Carrier Setup	
Number of Carriers	64
Carrier Spacing	10 kHz
Optimize Crest Factor	Chirp
Desired Crest Factor	3 dB
Trigger	
Mode	Auto
Source	Internal
Ext. Delay	0

Parameter	Value
Ext. Inhibit	0
Marker	
Channel 1...4	Restart
Clock	
Source	Internal
Multi Channel Setup	
Start Carrier	0
Stop Carrier	0
State	ON
Power	0 dB
Power Step	0 dB
Initial Phase	0°
Phase Step	0°
Channel Setup	
State	ON
Power	0 dB
Phase	0°

The **Carrier Setup** section is used to configure the Multi Carrier CW.

#### Number of Carriers - Multi Carrier CW

Sets the number of carriers for the Multi Carrier CW signal.

By default the multi carrier table already lists 64 carriers that are preset to the settings State = ON, Power = 0 dB, Phase = 0°.

When entering fewer carriers than the table contains, the approach is generally to delete the superfluous entries from the table, and when entering more carriers than the table contains the missing entries are usually added at the end of the table.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:COUN 64

#### Carrier Spacing - Multi Carrier CW

Sets the spacing between carriers for the Multi Carrier CW signal.

The carriers are arranged symmetrically around the HF carrier.

The total bandwidth =  $(\text{Number of carriers} - 1) * \text{Carrier spacing}$ ; the result must not exceed 80 MHz.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:SPAC 10 kHz

#### Clock Frequency - Multi Carrier CW

Displays the clock rate at which the multi carrier signal is output by the arbitrary waveform generator. The output clock rate depends on the number of carriers and the selected carrier offset.

The value indicates the resolution during the marker generation.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:CLOC?

**Optimize Crest Factor - Multi Carrier CW**

Selects the mode for automatically minimizing the crest factor. The carrier start phases are automatically set to this. The crest factor represents the ratio of the peak voltage value to the rms voltage value. The higher the crest factor and resulting dynamics of a signal, the greater the requirement for a power amplifier fed by the signal to be linear. A very high crest factor arises when the carriers have an identical start phase, since the carriers are periodically superposed and very high peak voltages occur in relation to the rms voltage values. Methods of reducing the crest factor differ with regard to both the optimization achievable and the time required for computation. The following modes are available:

- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <b>Off</b>          | There are no automatic settings for minimizing the crest factor. The <b>Phase</b> setting has an effect.<br>Remote-control command:<br><code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CFAC:MODE OFF</code>  |
| <b>Chirp</b>        | Very rapid crest factor optimization regardless of the number of carriers. A minimal crest factor of < 3 dB is only obtained for multi carrier signals in which all carriers are switched on and the power of the carriers is identical. In a configuration which differs from this, the achievable crest factor is worse.<br>Remote-control command:<br><code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CFAC:MODE CHIR</code> |
| <b>Target Crest</b> | Optimization of the crest factor to a desired value for all carrier configurations. The optimization time depends on the number of carriers and the desired crest factor. Computation time increases only when the number of carriers exceeds 256 and the crest factor is below 4 dB. The desired value can be entered in <b>Desired Crest Factor</b> .   |

**Note:**

*Optimization can be cancelled at any time, and the current value being displayed at that moment is then used.*

Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:MCCW:CFAC:MODE SLOW`

**Desired Crest Factor - Multi Carrier CW**

Enters the desired crest factor. This is only possible when the optimization **Target Crest** has been selected.  
Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:MCCW:CFAC 3 dB`

The **Table Setup Assistant** section can be used to set a selectable carrier range. The carrier table can be edited in the **Carrier Table** submenu.

**Carrier Start - Multi Carrier CW**

Defines the start index of the carrier range to which the following settings are intended to apply.  
Remote-control command:  
`SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STAR 2`

<b>Carrier Stop - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Defines the stop index of the carrier range to which the following settings are intended to apply.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:CARR:STOP 202</p>
<b>Carrier State - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Switches the carriers in the carrier range on/off.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STAT ON</p>
<b>Power Start - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Sets the power of the starting carrier.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW 0 dB</p>
<b>Power Step - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Sets the width of the step with which the power will be changed from carrier to carrier.</p> <p>The carrier power that is set with <math>Power + n * Power Step</math> must be within the valid value range -80 dB to 0 dB.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP -0.2 dB</p>
<b>Phase Start - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Sets the phase of the starting carrier. This setting is only available for Optimize Crest Factor Mode = Off.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS 0</p>
<b>Phase Step - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Sets the width of the step with which the phase will be changed from carrier to carrier.</p> <p>The phase that is set with <math>Phase + n * Phase Step</math> must be within the valid value range 0° to 360°.</p> <p>This setting is only available for Optimize Crest Factor Mode = Off.</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP 1DEG</p>
<b>Accept - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p>Adopts the carrier range setting into the table (Carrier Table).</p> <p>Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:EXEC</p>

The lower part of the menu is used to open submenus for configuring carrier tables and for setting triggers, markers and clocks.

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**Note:**

*The trigger, clock, and marker delay functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

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**Carrier Table - Multi Carrier CW** Calls the table for configuring individual carriers. This configuration can be checked with the aid of the **Carrier Graph**.

	State	Power / dB	Phase / deg
0	On	0.00	0.00
1	On	0.00	0.00
2	On	0.00	0.00
3	Off	0.00	0.00
4	Off	0.00	0.00
5	Off	0.00	0.00
6	On	0.00	0.00
7	On	0.00	0.00
8	On	0.00	0.00

Accept

The table displays the settings of all available carriers. Carriers in the On state are highlighted. All carrier parameters can be edited in the table.

The Multi Carrier CW signal is only computed when the **Accept** button is pressed. Whenever the table contains settings that have not yet been adopted with the **Accept** button, the background is yellow.

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**Note:**

*The phase/deg settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (Optimize Crest Factor = Off).*

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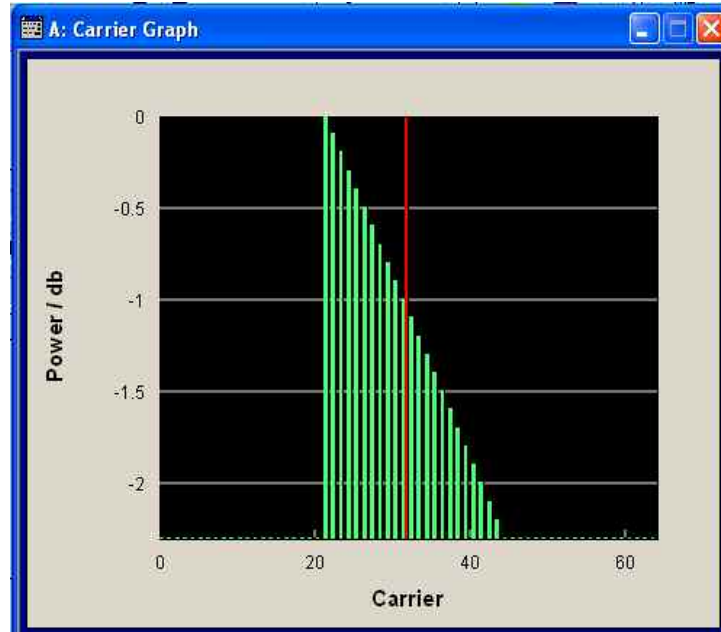
<b>No.</b>	This is the carrier index. Remote-control command: - (individual carriers can be set using the commands <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:..</code> by specifying the index in the parameter. All the carriers in a multi carrier configuration can also be set using a value list with the commands <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST...</code> )
<b>State</b>	Switch a carrier on/off Remote-control command: <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:STAT ON,OFF,..</code> <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:STAT 2,ON</code>
<b>Power</b>	Sets the power of a carrier. Remote-control command: <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:POW -3,-3,..</code> <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:POW 2,-30dB</code>
<b>Phase</b>	Sets the starting phase of a carrier. Remote-control command: <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:PHAS 0,0,..</code> <code>SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:PHAS 2, 0DEG</code>
<b>Accept</b>	Transfer the settings in the carrier table into the instrument. Remote-control command: n.a. (the values specified when the command is given are adopted immediately)



**Carrier Graph - Multi Carrier CW**

Calls a graphical representation of the chosen carrier configuration.

The carriers are on the X-axis and the colored bars represent those carriers which are in the On state. Power is on the Y-axis, and the height of the bars corresponds to the chosen power of each individual carrier.

**Trigger-Marker - Multi Carrier CW**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Calls the **Trigger/Marker** menu. This menu is used to select the trigger source, set the time delay on an external trigger signal and configure the marker output signals (see section "[Trigger/Marker/Clock Menu - Multi Carrier CW](#)", page 4.228).

Remote-control command: n.a.

**Clock - Multi Carrier CW**

**(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Calls the Clock menu. The Clock menu is used to select the clock source (see section "[Trigger/Marker/Clock Menu - Multi Carrier CW](#)", page 4.228).

Remote-control command: n.a.

## Trigger/Marker/Clock Menu - Multi Carrier CW

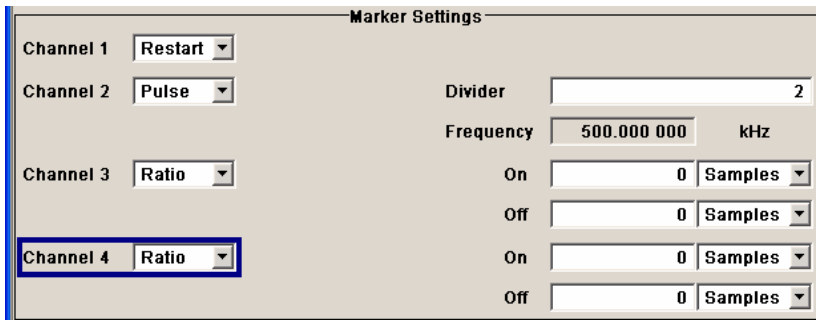
**Note:**

The trigger, clock, and marker delay functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

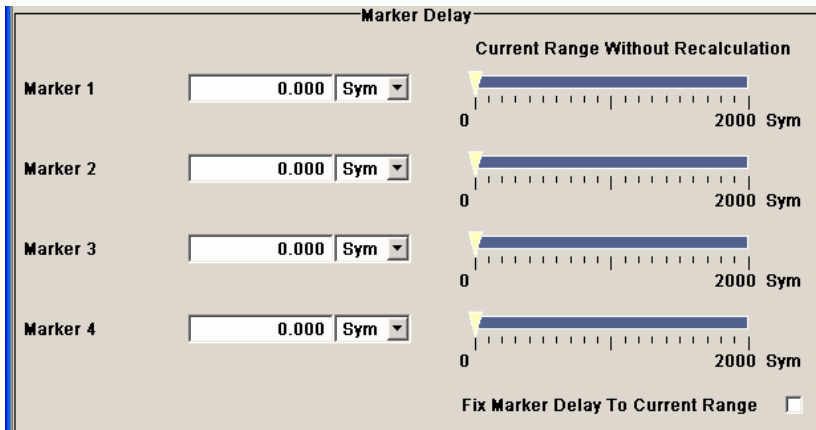
The Trigger menu is accessed via the **Multi Carrier CW** main menu.



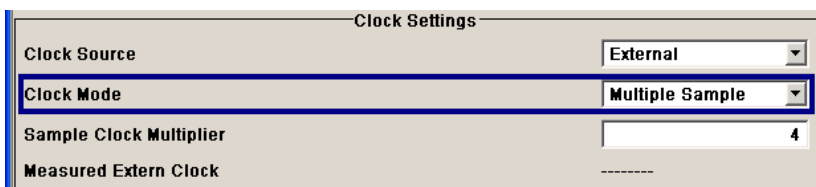
The **Trigger In** section is where the trigger for the waveform is set. Various parameters will be provided for the settings, depending on which trigger source - internal or external - is selected. The current status of signal generation (**Running** or **Stopped**) is indicated for all trigger modes.



The **Marker Settings** section is where the marker signals at the MARKER output connectors are configured.



The **Marker Delay** section is where a marker signal delay can be defined, either without restriction or restricted to the dynamic section, i.e., the section in which it is possible to make settings without restarting signal and marker generation.



The **Clock Settings** section is where the clock source is selected and - in the case of an external source - the clock type.



The **Global Trigger/Clock Settings** button leads to a submenu for general trigger, clock and external input settings

The **Trigger In** section is used to configure the trigger signal for the Multi Carrier CW modulation. The current status of signal generation is indicated for all trigger modes.

**Trigger Mode - Multi Carrier CW (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects trigger mode.

**Auto** The multi carrier signal is generated continuously.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ AUTO

**Retrigger** The multi carrier signal is generated continuously. A trigger event (internal or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ RETR

**Armed\_Auto** The multi carrier signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. Then the multi carrier signal is generated continuously.

Pressing the button **Arm** stops the signal generation. A subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ AAUT

**Armed\_Retrigger** The multi carrier signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. Then the signal is generated continuously. Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart.

Pressing the button **Arm** stops the signal generation. A subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ ARET

**Single** The multi carrier signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. Then the signal is output once in the length specified in **Signal Duration**. Every subsequent trigger event (internal with **Execute Trigger** or external) causes a restart.

Remote-control command:  
SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ SING

**Trigger Signal Duration - Multi Carrier CW (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode.

The input is to be entered in sequence length (SL). The output can be just a defined part of the waveform, a sequence of the waveform or a defined number of repetitions of the waveform.

Remote-control commands:  
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SLEN 2

**Running - Stopped - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays the status of multi carrier signal generation for all trigger modes. This display appears only when Multi Carrier CW is enabled (**State On**).

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:RMOD?

Response: RUN or STOP

**Running**

The multi carrier signal is generated; a trigger was (internally or externally) initiated in triggered mode.

If **Armed\_Auto** and **Armed\_Retrigger** have been selected, generation of signals can be stopped with the **Arm** button. A new trigger (internally with **Execute Trigger** or externally) causes a restart.

**Stopped**

The signal is not generated, and the instrument waits for a trigger event (internal or external).

**Arm - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Stops multi carrier signal generation. This button appears only with **Running** signal generation in the **Armed\_Auto** and **Armed\_Retrigger** trigger modes.

Signal generation can be restarted by a new trigger (internally with **Execute Trigger** or externally).

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:ARM:EXEC

**Execute Trigger - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Executes trigger manually. A manual trigger can be executed only when an internal trigger source and a trigger mode other than **Auto** have been selected.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR INT

SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ RETR

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXEC

**Trigger Source - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects the trigger source.

**Internal**

The trigger event is executed by **Execute Trigger**. As a precondition a trigger mode other than **Auto** must be selected.

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR INT

**Internal (Baseband A/B)**

The trigger event is executed by the trigger signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

Remote-control command:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR OBAS

**External  
(TRIGGER 1|2)**

The trigger event is executed with the aid of the active edge of an external trigger signal. The trigger signal is supplied via the TRIGGER 1 or TRIGGER 2 connector.

The polarity, the trigger threshold and the input impedance of the TRIGGER input can be set in the **Global Trigger Settings** menu.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR EXT | BEXT
```

**Trigger Delay - Multi Carrier CW (R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets a trigger signal delay in samples by external triggering or, in case of two-path instruments, by internal triggering via the second path.

This enables the R&S Signal Generator to be synchronized with the device under test or other external devices.

**Note:**

*For two-path instruments, the delay can be set separately for each of the two paths.*

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXT:DEL 0
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OBAS:DEL 0
```

**Trigger Inhibit - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Sets the duration for inhibiting a new trigger event subsequent to triggering. The input is to be expressed in samples.

In the **Retrigger** mode every trigger signal causes signal generation to restart. This restart is inhibited for the specified number of samples:

This parameter is only available on external triggering or, in case of two-path instruments, on internal triggering via the second path.

**Note:**

*For two-path instruments, the trigger inhibit can be set separately for each of the two paths.*

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXT:INH 0
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OBAS:INH 0
```

The settings for the marker output signals are entered in the **Marker Mode** section.

**Marker Channel x - Multi Carrier CW**

Selects a marker signal for the associated MARKER output.

**Restart**

A brief marker signal is generated at the start of the waveform.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE REST
```

**Pulse** A regular marker signal is generated. The pulse frequency is defined by entering a divider. The frequency is derived by dividing the sample rate by the divider. The input box for the divider opens when **Pulse** is selected, and the resulting pulse frequency is displayed below it.

Divider	8.00
Frequency	33.854 17 kHz

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE PULS  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:PULS:DIV 4  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:PULS:FREQ?

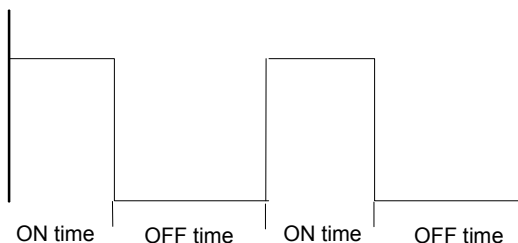
**Pattern** A marker signal that is defined by a bit pattern is generated. The pattern has a maximum length of 32 bits and is defined in an input field which opens when **Pattern** is selected.

0000 0000
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Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE PATT  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:PATT #H00,8

**ON/OFF ratio** A regular marker signal that is defined by an ON/OFF ratio is generated. A period lasts one ON and OFF cycle.

Start of signal



The ON time and OFF time are each expressed as a number of samples and are set in an input field which opens when **ON/OFF ratio** is selected.

On Time	1	Samples
Off Time	1	Samples

Remote-control command:  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:MODE RAT  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:OFFT 20  
 SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP1:ONT 20

The delays for the marker output signals are entered in the **Marker Delay** section.

**Note:**

*The marker delay functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

**Marker x Delay - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Enters the delay between the marker signal at the marker outputs and the start of the signal.

The input is expressed as a number of samples. If the setting "**Fix marker delay to dynamic range**" is enabled, the setting range is restricted to the dynamic range. In this range the delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL 2
```

**Current Range without Recalculation - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Displays the dynamic range within which the delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

The delay can be defined by moving the setting mark.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL:MAX?
```

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL:MIN?
```

**Fix marker delay to current range - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Restricts the marker delay setting range to the dynamic range. In this range the delay can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON
```

The **Clock Settings** section can be used to select the clock source.

**Note:**

*The clock functions are available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

**Clock Source - Multi Carrier CW****(R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only)**

Selects the clock source.

**Internal**

The internal clock reference is used to generate the sample clock.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:CLOC:SOUR INT
```

**External**

The external clock reference is fed in as the sample clock or a multiple thereof via the CLOCK connector.

The polarity of the clock input can be changed with the aid of **Global Trigger/Clock Settings**.

In the case of two-path instruments, this selection applies to path A.

Remote-control command:

```
SOUR:BB:MCCW:CLOC:SOUR EXT
```

<b>Clock Mode - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p><b>(R&amp;S SMx and R&amp;S AMU instruments only)</b></p> <p>Enters the type of externally supplied clock.</p> <p><b>Sample</b>            A sample clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.</p> <p>                         Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:CLOC:MODE SAMP</p> <p><b>Multiple</b>            A multiple of the sample clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector; the sample clock is derived internally from this.</p> <p>                         The <b>Multiplier</b> window provided allows the multiplication factor to be entered.</p> <p>                         Remote-control command: SOUR:BB:MCCW:CLOC:MODE MSAM</p>
<b>Sample Clock Multiplier - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p><b>(R&amp;S SMx and R&amp;S AMU instruments only)</b></p> <p>Enters the multiplication factor for clock type <b>Multiple</b>.</p> <p>Remote-control command SOUR:BB:MCCW:CLOC:MULT 4</p>
<b>Measured External Clock - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p><b>(R&amp;S SMx and R&amp;S AMU instruments only)</b></p> <p>Indicates of the measured frequency of the external clock signal. This enables the user to permanently monitor the frequency of the externally introduced clock.</p> <p>This information is displayed only if the external clock source has been selected.</p> <p>Remote-control command: CLOC:INP:FREQ?</p>
<b>Global Trigger-Clock-Input Settings - Multi Carrier CW</b>	<p><b>(R&amp;S SMx and R&amp;S AMU instruments only)</b></p> <p>Calls the <b>Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings</b> menu. The trigger threshold, the input impedance and the polarity of the clock and trigger inputs can be set in this menu.</p> <p>In two-path instruments, these settings are valid for both paths.</p> <p>The parameters in this menu affect all digital modulations and standards, and are described in the section "<a href="#">Global Trigger/Clock/Input Settings – Setup -Environment</a>".</p>



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# 5 Remote Control - Basics

## Introduction - Remote Control Basics

This chapter provides:

- Instructions on how to set up the instrument for remote control operation.
- A general introduction to remote control of programmable instruments. This includes the description of the command structure and syntax according to the SCPI standard, the description of command execution and of the status registers.

The remote control commands of the instrument are described in detail after each related Instrument Function section. In addition, the description of each menu parameter is linked to the related remote control command.

A list is provided for users of the R&S Signal Generator, which shows all commands that are compatible with the command set of the R&S Signal Generator.

In chapter 6, all remote control functions are described in detail. The subsystems are listed by alphabetical order according to SCPI. All commands and their parameters are listed by alphabetical order in the command list at the end of chapter 6. A list is provided for users of the R&S Signal Generator, which shows all commands that are compatible with the command set of the R&S Signal Generator SMIQ.

The instrument is equipped with the following interfaces for remote control:

- IEC/IEEE bus interface according to standard IEC 625.1/IEEE 488.2
- LAN interface: the network card uses 10/100/1000Mbps Ethernet IEEE 802.3u; the protocol is based on the VXI-11 standard.
- USB interface: The type B interface (device USB) is used for remote control.

The connectors are located at the rear of the instrument and permit a connection to a controller for remote control either directly or via a local area network (LAN) or USB interface. The remote control interfaces and their interface functions are described in chapter 8.

A VISA installation on the controller is a prerequisite for remote control over LAN or USB interface. VISA is a standardized software interface library providing input and output functions to communicate with instruments. For more information about VISA refer to the user documentation. SCPI (**S**tandard **C**ommands for **P**rogrammable **I**nstruments) commands - messages - are used for remote control. Commands that are not taken from the SCPI standard follow the SCPI syntax rules. The instrument supports the SCPI version 1999. The SCPI standard is based on standard IEEE 488.2 and aims at the standardization of instrument control commands, error handling and the status registers. The tutorial "Automatic Measurement Control – A tutorial on SCPI and IEEE 488.2" from John M. Pieper (R&S order number 0002.3536.00) offers detailed information on concepts and definitions of SCPI.

Not all of the commands supported by the instrument are taken from the SCPI standard, however, their syntax follows SCPI rules.

This section assumes basic knowledge of programming and operation of the controller. A description of the interface commands can be obtained from the relevant manuals.

The requirements that the SCPI standard places on command syntax, error handling and configuration of the status registers are explained in detail in the following sections. Tables provide a fast overview of the bit assignment in the status registers. The tables are supplemented by a comprehensive description of the status registers.

The program examples for IEC/IEEE-bus programming are all written in VISUAL BASIC. A condition for programming in VISUAL BASIC is that the modules NIGLOBAL (Niglobal.bas) and VBIB32 (Vbib\_32.bas) are added to the projects.

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**Note:**

*Manual operation is designed for maximum possible operating convenience. In contrast, the priority of remote control is the "predictability" of the device status. Therefore, control programs should always define an initial device status (e.g. with the command \*RST) and then implement the required settings.*

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## Getting Started

The short and simple operating sequence given below permits fast putting into operation of the instrument and setting of its basic functions. As a prerequisite, the IEC/IEEE-bus address, which is factory-set to 28, must not have been changed.

- Connect instrument and controller using IEC/IEEE-bus cable and switch them on.
- Write and start the following program on the controller:

```
CALL IBFIND("DEV1", generator%)           'Open port to the instrument
CALL IBPAD(generator%, 28)                 'Inform controller about instrument address
CALL IBWRT(generator%, "*RST;*CLS")       'Reset instrument
CALL IBWRT(generator%, "IQ:OUTP:STAT ON") 'Switch on the analog I/Q outputs
CALL IBWRT(generator%, "BB:DM:FORM FSK2") 'Set modulation type to FSK2
CALL IBWRT(generator%, "BB:DM:STAT ON")   'Switch on digital modulation
```

The set modulation signal is now applied at the analog I/Q-output of the instrument.

- To return to manual operation, press the **LOCAL** key at the front panel.

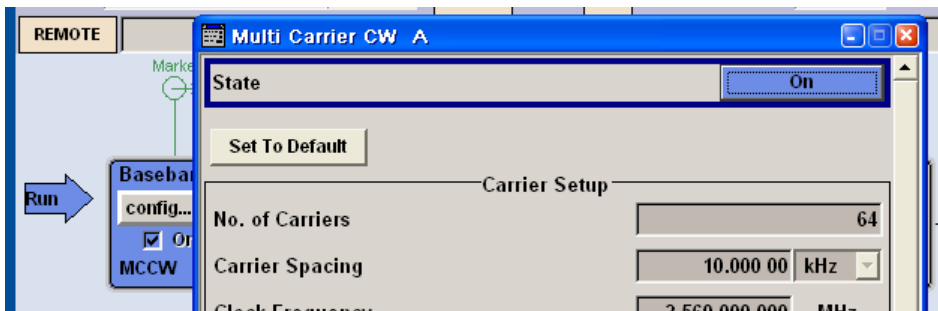
## Switchover to Remote Control

On power-on, the instrument is always in the manual operating state and can be operated via the front panel controls or via mouse and external keyboard.

In case of remote control via the IEC/IEEE bus, the instrument is set to remote control (REMOTE status) by means of an addressed command.

With remote control via Ethernet, remote control is not automatically set by means of a command. The instrument must be explicitly set to the REMOTE state, e.g. by sending the interface command `&GTR` (go to remote).

In the REMOTE state, instrument control from the front panel or via mouse and keyboard is disabled. Menus can be opened, however, e.g. to verify settings. Buttons and setting fields are displayed in gray and cannot be activated. REMOTE is displayed in the status line.



The instrument remains in the REMOTE mode until local control is selected either manually with the `LOCAL` key on the front panel or with the interface command `&GTL` via the remote-control interface.

Switching from manual operation to remote control and vice versa does not affect the remaining instrument settings.

In the remote control mode, the front-panel keys and an external mouse or keyboard that may be connected can be disabled with command `:SYST:KLOC ON`. Menus cannot be opened in this case and switchover from remote control to manual operation is only possible by means of a remote-control command. Inadvertent switchover with the `LOCAL` key is not possible in this case.

Operation of the `LOCAL` key alone can be disabled with interface command `&LLO`.

## Remote Control via IEC/IEEE Bus

To be able to control the instrument via the IEC/IEEE bus, instrument and controller must be linked by an IEC/IEEE-bus cable. An IEC/IEEE-bus card, the card drivers and the program libraries for the programming language used must be provided in the controller.

The controller must address the instrument with the set IEC/IEEE-bus address. The IEC/IEEE bus address of the instrument is factory-set to 28. It can be changed manually in the **Environment - GPIB** menu or via IEC/IEEE bus with command `SYSTEM:COMMunicate:GPIB: ADDRESS`. Addresses 0 to 30 are permissible.

**Manually:**

**Setup - Remote - GPIB ...**



**Via IEC/IEEE bus:**

```
CALL IBFIND("DEV1", generator%) 'Open port to the instrument
CALL IBPAD(generator%, 28) 'Inform controller about old address
CALL IBWRT(generator%, "SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR 18") 'Set instrument to new address
CALL IBPAD(generator%, 18) 'Inform controller about new address
```

Sending the first command starts remote control operation.

Return to manual operation is possible via the front panel or the IEC/IEEE bus.

**Manually:**

- Press the **LOCAL** key.

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**Notes:**

*Before the transition, command processing must be completed as otherwise transition to remote control is performed immediately.*

*The **LOCAL** key can be disabled by the interface message &LLO (see chapter 8, section "IEC/IEEE-Bus Interface Functions") in order to prevent unintentional transition. In this case, transition to manual mode is only possible via the IEC/IEEE bus.*

*The **LOCAL** key can be enabled again by deactivating the REN line of the IEC/IEEE bus (see chapter 8, section "IEC/IEEE Bus Interface").*

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**Via IEC/IEEE bus:**

...

```
CALL IBLOC(generator%) 'Set instrument to manual operation
```

...

## Remote Control via LAN Interface

For remote control via a network, the PC and the instrument must be connected via the LAN interface to a common network with TCP/IP network protocol.

**ATTENTION**

**Risk of instrument damage**



It is recommend to enable the Windows Firewall again after termination of remote control via LAN in order to protect the instrument from an attack of hostile users or programs via the net.

Software for instrument control and the VISA program library must be installed on the controller. Instrument control is via the VXI-11 standard protocol.

Only the IP address or the computer name is required for link setup. The IP address/computer name is part of the "resource name" used by the programs for identification and control of the instrument. The resource name has the form:

**TCPIP::ipaddr::inst0::INSTR**

**ipaddr** has to be replaced by the IP address or the computer name of the instrument.

For instance, if the instrument has the IP address 192.1.2.3, TCPIP::192.1.2.3::inst0::INSTR is the valid resource name. Specification of **inst0** in the resource name is optional. In this example, also TCPIP::192.1.2.3::INSTR is therefore a valid resource name.

A resource name with computer name could be TCPIP::RSSM1::INSTR, for instance.

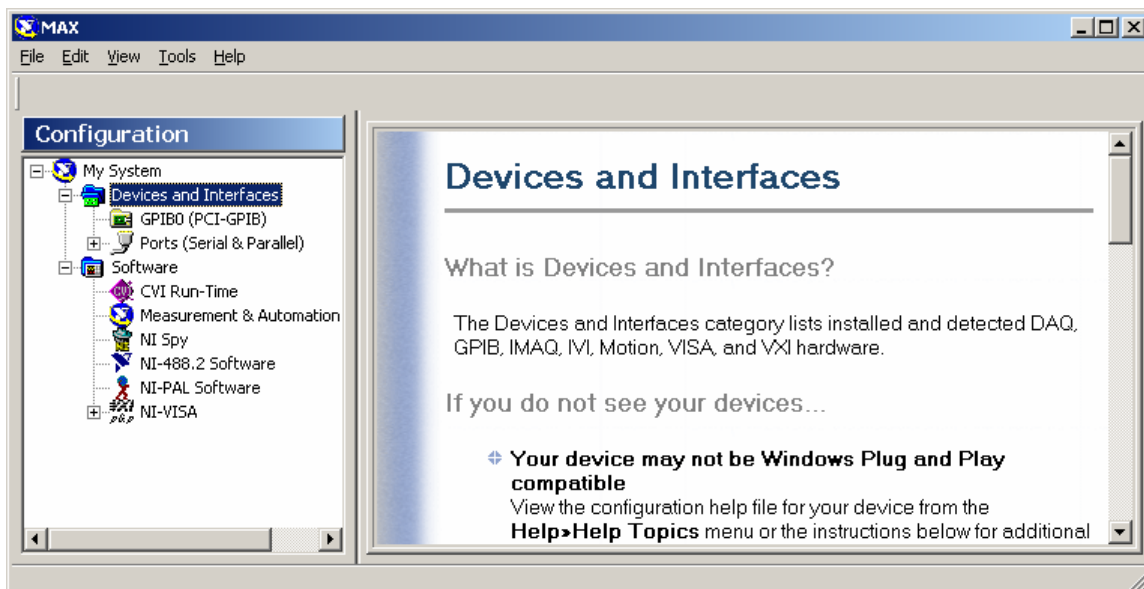
**TCPIP** designates the network protocol used and **INSTR** indicates that the VXI-11 protocol is used.

If several instruments are connected to the network, each instrument has its own IP address and associated resource name. The controller identifies these instruments by means of the resource name.

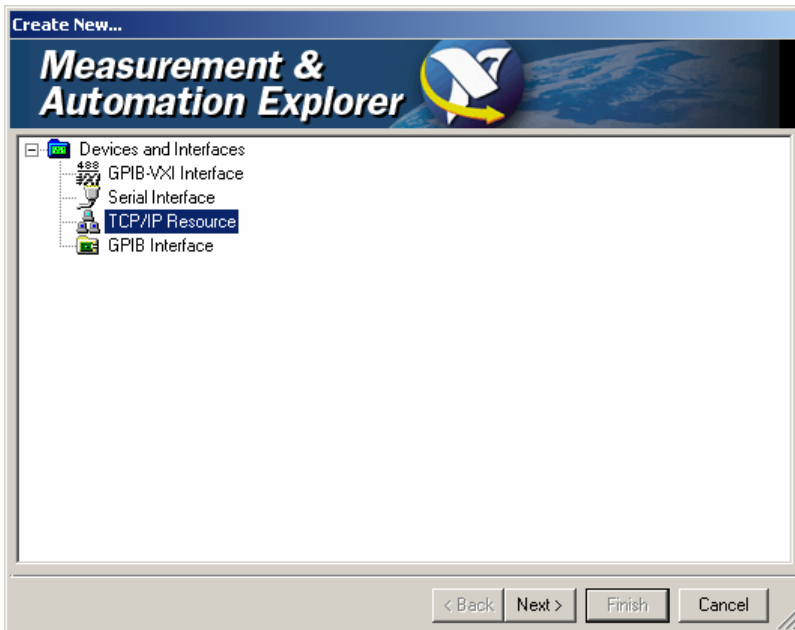
In the example below, the program 'Measurement & Automation Explorer' from National Instruments is used for setting up an Ethernet remote-control link. Link setup with this program is easy and first tests can be performed. The R&S Signal Generator is preconfigured for networks using DHCP (dynamic host configuration protocol). If this configuration is used, the computer name must be entered at the position of the IP address. It is also possible to assign a fixed IP address to the instrument (see chapter 1, section "[Connection to the Network](#)").

## Setting up Control of the R&S Signal Generator in the 'Measurement & Automation Control' Program.

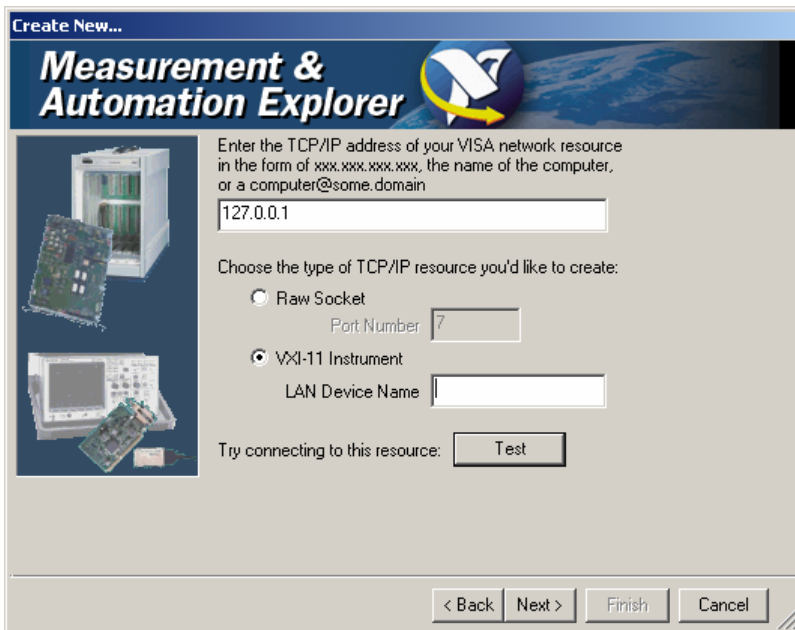
- Start program on the controller
- Open the **Create new** menu with the right mouse key.



- Select **TCP/IP Resource** and open the next page of the **Create new** menu with the right mouse key.

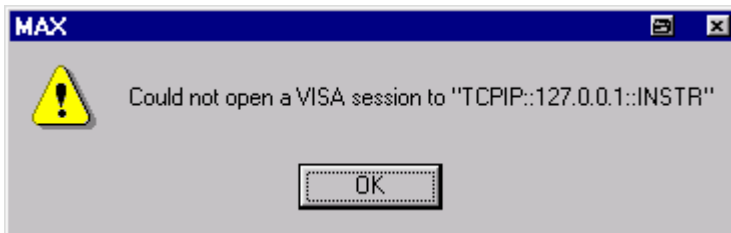
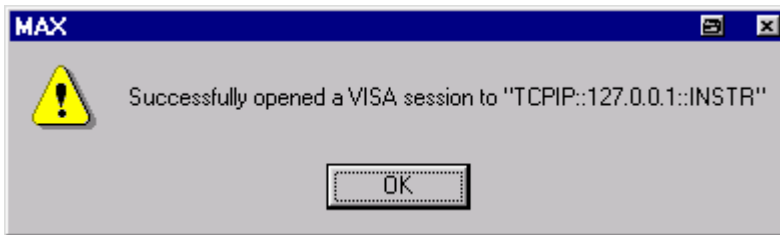


- Enter the IP address of the R&S Signal Generator and select **VXI-11 Instrument** (the computer name may be entered instead).

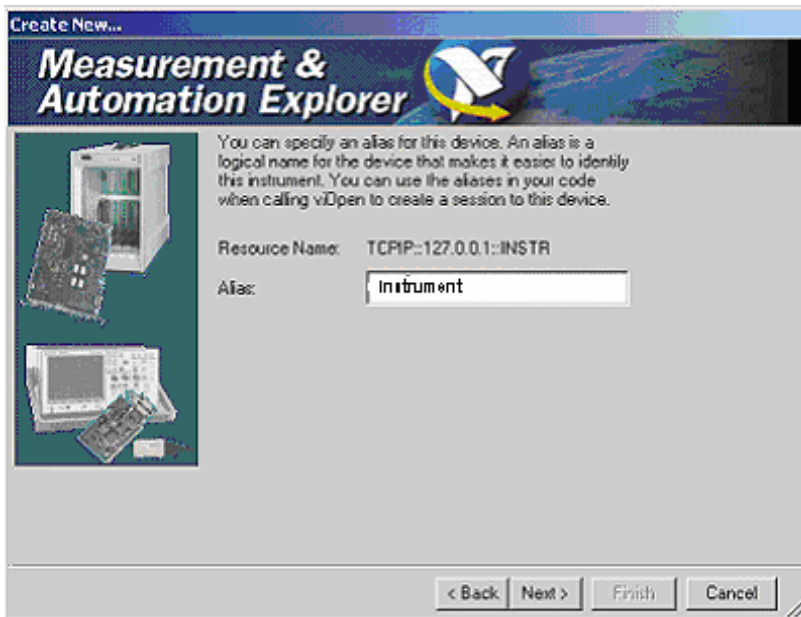


- Press the **Test** button  
 A message indicates whether the link to the R&S Signal Generator can be set up or not. If a connection cannot be set up, check whether the controller and the instrument are connected to the network (network cable) and switched on. Correct spelling of the IP address or the computer name can also be checked. For further error location, inform the network administrator. In large networks, specification of additional addresses may be required for link setup, e.g. gateway and subnet mask, which are known to the network administrator.

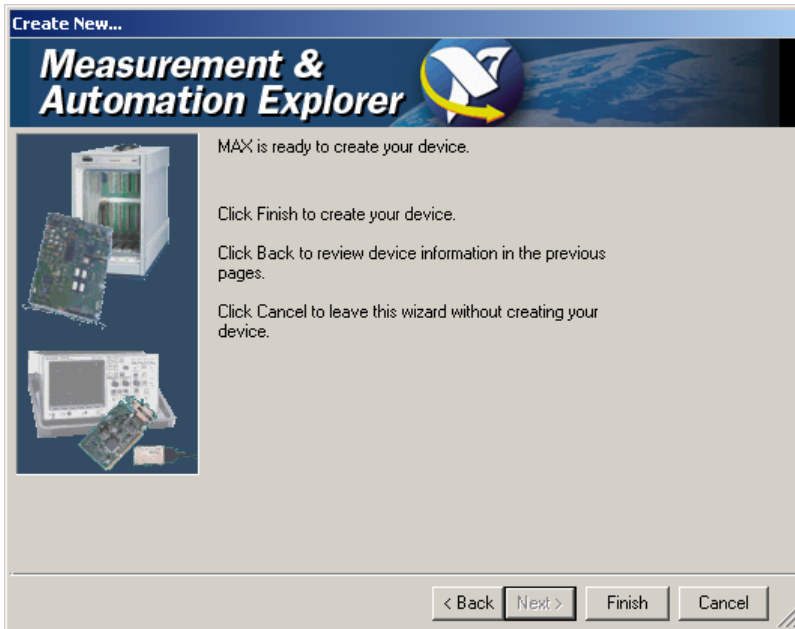




- Press the **Next** button. An alias name for the instrument can be entered in the next window. This name must not be mistaken for the computer name. It is only used for instrument identification within the program and displayed in the menu as an option in case of an Ethernet link.

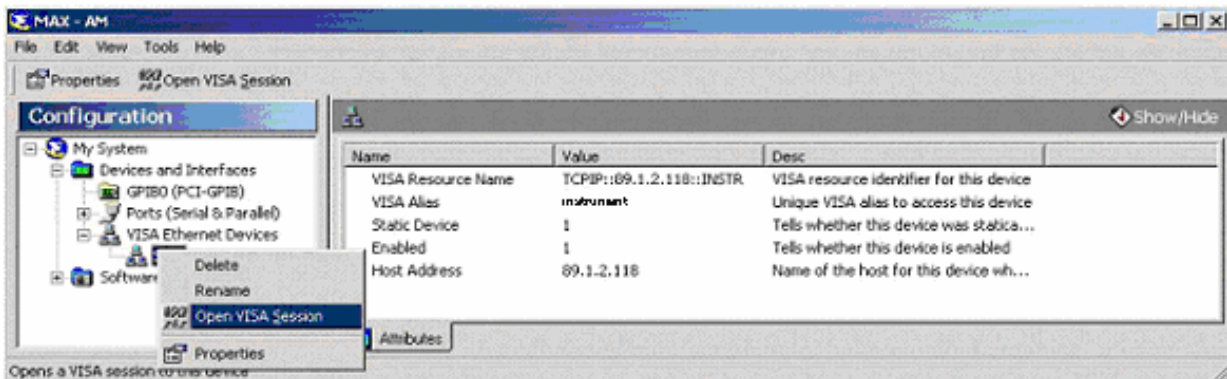


- Press **Next** and then the **Finish** button. The instrument is now registered in the program and can be addressed via the resource or alias name.

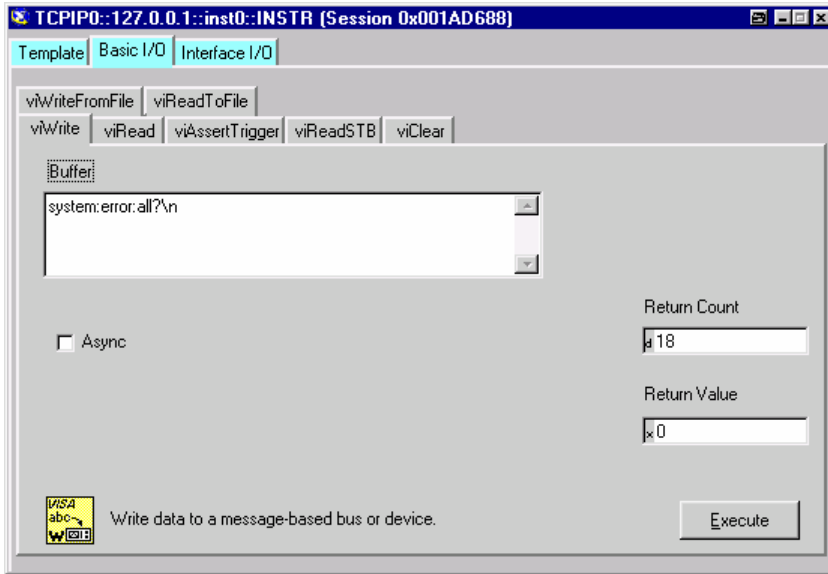


**Starting the Measurement & Automation program for remote control of the R&S Signal Generator**

- Start the program on the controller
- In the **Configuration** window, open **Instruments and Interfaces** and select R&S **AM/SM** (= Alias) under **VISA Ethernet Devices**.
- Open the menu by clicking on **Open VISA Session** with the right mouse key.



- On the **viWrite** tab under **Basic I/O**, commands can be sent to the instrument; instrument responses are displayed on the **viRead** tab (for further program operation refer to the online help of the program).



Return to manual operation is possible via the front panel or the LAN interface.

**Manually:**

- Press the **LOCAL** key.

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**Notes:**

The **LOCAL** key can be disabled by the universal command **&LLO** (see chapter 8, section [VXI-11 Interface Messages](#)) in order to prevent unintentional transition. In this case, transition to manual mode is only possible via remote control.

The **LOCAL** key can be enabled again by the interface message **&NREN** (see chapter 8, section [VXI-11 Interface Messages](#)).

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**Via IEC/IEEE bus:**

...

```
CALL IBLOC(generator%) 'Set instrument to manual operation
```

...

## Remote Control via USB Interface

For remote control via the, the PC and the instrument must be connected via the USB type B interface. A USB connection requires the VISA library to be installed. VISA will detect and configure the R&S SMB automatically when the USB connection is established. No entry of an address string and no separate driver installation is necessary.

The used USB address string is:

```
USB::<vendor Id>::<product Id>::<serial number>
```

**Example:**

```
"USB::0x0AAD::0x0046::100001::INSTR"
```

0x0AAD is the vendor Id for Rohde&Schwarz, 0x46 is the product Id for R&S SMATE and the serial number is the individual serial number on the rear of the instrument.

# Interface and Device Messages

The messages transferred via the data lines of the IEC/IEEE-bus (see chapter 8, section "[IEC/IEEE Bus Interface](#)") or via a TCP/IP network can be divided into two groups:

- **interface messages** and
- **device messages.**

## Interface Messages

Interface messages are transferred on the data lines of the IEC/IEEE bus, the ATN control line being active. They are used for communication between controller and instrument and can only be sent by a computer which has the function of an IEC/IEEE bus controller.

Interface commands can be further subdivided into

- **universal commands**
- **addressed commands**

Universal commands act on all devices connected to the IEC/IEEE-bus without previous addressing, addressed commands only act on devices previously addressed as listeners. The interface messages relevant to the instrument are listed in chapter 8, section "[IEC/IEEE Bus Interface](#)".

If an Ethernet connection is present, signalling via a hardware control line is not required. The IEC/IEEE-bus interface commands are emulated (see chapter 8, section "[LAN Connector](#)").

## Device Messages (Commands and Device Responses)

Device messages are transferred on the data lines of the IEC/IEEE-bus, the "ATN" control line not being active. ASCII character set is used.

If an Ethernet connection is present, signalling via a hardware control line is not required.

The device messages are equal for the different interfaces (IEC/IEEE bus and Ethernet). A distinction is made according to the direction in which they are sent:

**Commands** (Program Messages) are messages the controller sends to the instrument. They operate the device functions and request information.

The commands are subdivided according to two criteria:

1. According to the effect they have on the instrument:

**Setting commands** cause instrument settings such as a reset of the instrument or setting the frequency.

**Queries** cause data to be provided for output on the IEC/IEEE bus, e.g. for identification of the device or polling a parameter value. Queries are formed by directly appending a question mark to the header.

2. According to their definition in standard IEEE 488.2 and SCPI:

**Common commands** are exactly defined as to their function and notation in standard IEEE 488.2. They refer to functions such as management of the standardized status registers, reset and selftest.

**Instrument control commands** refer to functions depending on the features of the instrument such as frequency setting. A majority of these commands has also been standardized by the SCPI committee. Device-specific extensions following the SCPI rules are permitted by the standard.

**Device responses** (Response Messages and Service Request) are messages the instrument sends to the controller after a query. They can contain measurement results, instrument settings and information on the instrument status (cf. section "[Responses to Queries](#)", page 5.15).

Structure and syntax of the device messages are described in the following section.

# SCPI Command Structure and Syntax

The commands consist of a so-called header and, in most cases, one or more parameters. The header and parameter are separated by a "white space" (ASCII code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank). The headers may consist of several key words. Queries are formed by directly appending a question mark to the header.

**Note:**

*The commands used in the following examples are not in every case implemented in the instrument.*

**Common Commands** Common commands consist of a header preceded by an asterisk "\*" and one or more parameters, if any.

- Examples:**
- \*RST RESET, resets the device
  - \*ESE 253 EVENT STATUS ENABLE, sets the bits of the event status enable register
  - \*ESR? EVENT STATUS QUERY, queries the contents of the event status register.

**Instrument control commands**

Hierarchy: Instrument control commands are of hierarchical structure (see figure below). The different levels are represented by combined headers. Headers of the highest level (root level) have only one key word. This key word denotes a complete command system

**Example:** :SOURce

This key word denotes the command system SOURce.

For commands of lower levels, the complete path has to be specified, starting on the left with the highest level, the individual key words being separated by a colon ":".

**Example:** SOURce:BB:DM:FORMat QPSK  
'selects the QPSK format for of digital modulation.

This command lies in the fourth level of the SOURce.

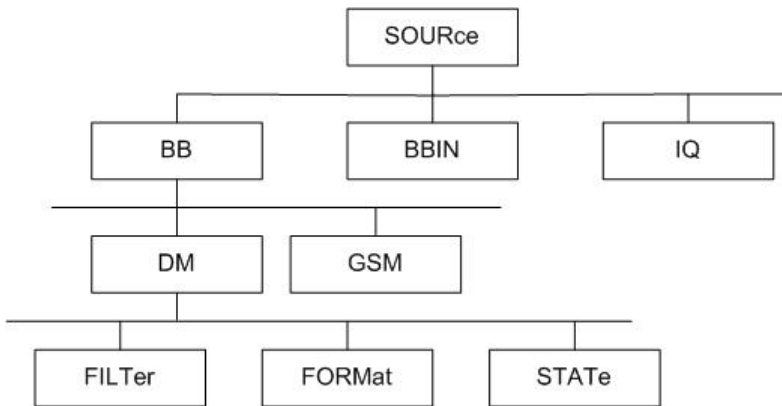


Figure 5-1 Example for the tree structure of the SCPI command systems; the SOURce system

**Multiple key words** Some key words occur on several levels within one command system. Their effect depends on the structure of the command, i. e. on the position in the command header they are inserted in.

**Example:** `SOURce:BB:DM:STATe ON`

This command contains key word `STATe` in the fourth command level. It switches digital modulation on.

`SOURce:BB:DM:PRAMp:STATe ON`

This command contains key word `STATe` in the fifth command level. It switches power ramping on.

**Optional key words:** Some command systems permit certain key words to be optionally inserted into the header or omitted. These key words are marked by square brackets in this manual. The full command length must be recognized by the instrument for reasons of compatibility with the SCPI standard. Some commands are considerably shortened by omitting optional key words.

**Example:** `[SOURce:]BB:DM:PRAMp[:STATe] ON`

This command switches power ramping on. The following command has the same effect:

`BB:DM:PRAMp ON`

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**Note:**

*An optional key word must not be omitted if its effect is specified in detail by a numeric suffix. In the R&S Signal Generator, this for instance applies to the keyword `SOURce` which can be omitted for path A = `SOURce1` but must be specified for path B = `SOURce2`.*

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**Long and short form:** The key words feature a long form and a short form. Either the short form or the long form can be entered, other abbreviations are not permitted.

**Example:** `STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle 1`  $\equiv$  `STAT:QUES:ENAB 1`

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**Note:**

*Upper-case and lower-case notation only serves to distinguish the two forms in the manual, the instrument itself does not distinguish upper-case and lower-case letters.*

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**Parameters:** Parameters must be separated from the header by a "white space". If several parameters are specified in a command, they are separated by a comma ",". A few queries permit the parameters `MINimum`, `MAXimum` and `DEFault` to be entered. For a description of the types of parameter, refer to section [Parameters](#), page 5.15 .

**Example:** `SOURce:IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:Q? MAXimum`

Response: 2.7

This query requests the maximal value (2.7 V) for the amplifier bias of the Q signal component.

**Numeric suffix:** If a device features several functions or features of the same kind, e.g. several inputs, the desired function can be selected by a suffix added to the command. Entries without suffix are interpreted like entries with the suffix 1. Optional keywords must be specified if they select a function with the suffix.

**Example:** `SOURce2:BB:DM:STATe ON`

This command activates digital modulation for path B. The keyword `SOURce` must be specified in the command. For path A, the keyword is optional and can be omitted.

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**Note:**

*In case of remote control, suffix counting may differ from the numbers of the corresponding selection used in manual operation. SCPI prescribes that suffix counting starts with 1. Suffix 1 is the default state and used when no specific suffix is specified.*

*Some standards define a fixed numbering, starting with 0. With GSM, for instance, slots are counted from 0 to 7. In the case of remote control, the slots are selected with the suffixes 1 to 8.*

*If the numbering differs in manual operation and remote control, it is indicated with the respective command.*

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## Structure of a Command Line

A command line may consist of one or several commands. It is terminated by an EOI together with the last data byte.

Several commands in a command line must be separated by a semicolon ";". If the next command belongs to a different command system, the semicolon is followed by a colon. A colon ":" at the beginning of a command marks the root node of the command tree.

**Example:** `":SOURce:BB:IMPairment:IQRatio 4PCT; :SOURce:IQ:OUTPut:TYPE DIFF"`

This command line contains two commands. The first command is part of the `IMPairment` system and is used to set the imbalance for the digital I/Q channels. The second command is part of the `OUTPut` system and sets the analog output type to `DIFFerential`.

If the successive commands belong to the same system, having one or several levels in common, the command line can be abbreviated. To this end, the second command after the semicolon starts with the level that lies below the common levels (see also Figure 5-1). The colon following the semicolon must be omitted in this case.

**Example:** `"SOURce:BB:IMP:IQRatio 4PCT; :SOURce:BB:IMP:STATe ON"`

This command line is represented in its full length and contains two commands separated from each other by the semicolon. Both commands are part of the `SOURce` command system, subsystem `BB` and subsystem `IMPairment`, i.e. they have three common levels. The first command sets the imbalance for the digital I/Q channels. The second command enables the impairment values.

When abbreviating the command line, the second command begins with the level below `SOURce:BB:IMPairment`. The colon after the semicolon is omitted.

The abbreviated form of the command line reads as follows:

`"SOURce:BB:IMP:IQRatio 4PCT; STATe ON"`



## Responses to Queries

A query is defined for each setting command unless explicitly specified otherwise. It is formed by adding a question mark to the associated setting command. According to SCPI, the responses to queries are partly subject to stricter rules than in standard IEEE 488.2.

1. The requested parameter value is transmitted without command header.

**Example:** "SOURCE:BB:DM:FORMat?" Answer: BPSK

2. Maximum values, minimum values and all further quantities, which are requested via a special text parameter are returned as numerical values

**Example:** "SOURCE:IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:Q? MAXimum" Answer: 2.7

3. Boolean values are returned as 0 (for OFF) and 1 (for ON).

**Example:** "SOURCE:IQ:OUTPut:STATe?" Answer (for ON): ON or 1

4. Text (character data) is returned in a short form

**Example:** "SOURCE:BB:DM:FILTer:TYPE?" Answer (for COSine): COS

## Parameters

Most commands require a parameter to be specified. The parameters must be separated from the header by a "white space". Permissible parameters are numerical values, Boolean parameters, text, character strings and block data. The type of parameter required for the respective command and the permissible range of values are specified in the command description.

### Numerical values

Numerical values can be entered in any form, i.e. with sign, decimal point and exponent. Values exceeding the resolution of the instrument are rounded up or down. The mantissa may comprise up to 255 characters, the values must be in the value range  $-9.9E37$  to  $9.9E37$ . The exponent is introduced by an "E" or "e". Entry of the exponent alone is not allowed.

### Units

In the case of physical quantities, the unit can be entered. Permissible unit prefixes are G (giga), MA (mega), MOHM and MHZ are also permissible), K (kilo), M (milli), U (micro) and N (nano). If the unit is missing, the basic unit is used.

#### Example:

SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:SPAC 1MHZ = SOUR:BB:MCCW:CARR:SPAC 1E6

Some settings allow relative values to be stated in percent. According to SCPI, this unit is represented by the PCT string.

#### Example:

:SOURCE:BB:IMPairment:IQRatio 4PCT

**Special numeric values**

The texts MINimum, MAXimum, DEFault, UP and DOWN are interpreted as special numerical values.

In the case of a query, the associated numerical value is provided.

**Example:**

Setting command:

:SOURce:IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:Q MAXimum

Query:

:SOURce:IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:Q? Answer: 2.7

MIN/MAX

MINimum and MAXimum denote the minimum and maximum value

DEF

DEFault denotes a preset value. This value conforms to the default setting, as it is called by the \*RST command.

UP/DOWN

UP, DOWN increases or reduces the numerical value by one step. The step width can be specified via an allocated step command for each parameter which can be set via UP, DOWN.

INF/NINF

INFinity, Negative INFinity (NINF) represent the numerical values -9.9E37 or 9.9E37, respectively. INF and NINF are only sent as device responses.

NAN

Not A Number (NAN) represents the value 9.91E37. NAN is only sent as device response. This value is not defined. Possible causes are division by zero, subtraction or addition of infinite and the representation of missing values.

**Boolean Parameters**

Boolean parameters represent two states. The ON state (logically true) is represented by ON or a numerical value unequal to 0. The OFF state (logically untrue) is represented by OFF or the numerical value 0. ON or OFF is returned by a query.

**Example:**

Setting command:

:SOURce:IQ:OUTPut:STATe ON

Query:

:SOURce:IQ:OUTPut:STATe? Answer: 1

**Text**

Text parameters observe the syntax rules for key words, i.e. they can be entered using a short or long form. Like any parameter, they have to be separated from the header by a white space. In the case of a query, the short form of the text is provided.

**Example:**

Setting command:

:SOURce:BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE SYMBol

Query:

:SOURce:BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE? Answer: SYMB

**Strings**

Strings must always be entered within quotation marks (' or ").

**Example:**

DIAGnostic:MEASure:POINT? 'DIAG\_UNICOD\_INT\_ROUT' or "DIAG\_UNICOD\_INT\_ROUT"

**Block data**

Block data are a transmission format which is suitable for the transmission of large amounts of data. A command using a block data parameter with definite length has the following structure:

**Example:** `MMEMoRY:DATA test_file.wv, #45168xxxxxxxx`

`Test_file.wv` denotes the name of the file to which the data are written. The comma is followed by the binary data block. The hash symbol # introduces the data block. The next number indicates how many of the following digits describe the length of the data block. In the example the 4 following digits indicate the length to be 5168 bytes. The data bytes follow. During the transmission of these data bytes all End or other control signs are ignored until all bytes are transmitted.

The format of the binary files within the block depends on the IEC/IEEE-bus command

`SOURce:LIST:FREQuency | :POWer (R&S SMx only)`

`SOURce:CORREction:CSET:DATA:FREQuency | :POWer (R&S SMx only)`

`SOURce:BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:PHASe | :POWer`

use the IEEE-754 format for double precision floating point numbers. Each number is represented by 8 bytes.

**Example:**

`a# = 125.345678E6`

`b# = 127.876543E6`

`CALL IBWRT(generator%, "SOURce:BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:PHASe #216" + MKD$(a#) + MKD$(b#))`

- #' in the command string introduces the binary block,
- 2' indicates that 2 digits specifying the length will follow next,
- 16' is the length of the binary block (in bytes), here: 2 double precision floating point number with 8 bytes each.
- The actual binary data follow now. As the function IBWRT requires a text string, MKD\$ is used for the type conversion.

The following ASCII format has the same effect:

`CALL IBWRT(generator%, "SOURce:BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:PHASe 125.345678E6, 127.876543E6")`

## Overview of Syntax Elements

The following survey offers an overview of the syntax elements.

- : The colon separates the key words of a command. In a command line the separating semicolon marks the uppermost command level.
- ; The semicolon separates two commands of a command line. It does not alter the path.
- , The comma separates several parameters of a command.
- ? The question mark forms a query.
- \* The asterisk marks a common command.
- " Quotation marks introduce a string and terminate it.
- # The hash symbol # introduces binary, octal, hexadecimal and block data.

Binary: #B10110

Octal: #O7612

Hexa: #HF3A7

Block: #21312

A "white space" (ASCII-Code 0 to 9, 11 to 32 decimal, e.g. blank) separates header and parameter.

## Instrument Model and Command Processing

The block diagram in the figure below shows how SCPI commands are serviced in the instrument. The individual components work independently and simultaneously. They communicate with each other by means of so-called "messages".

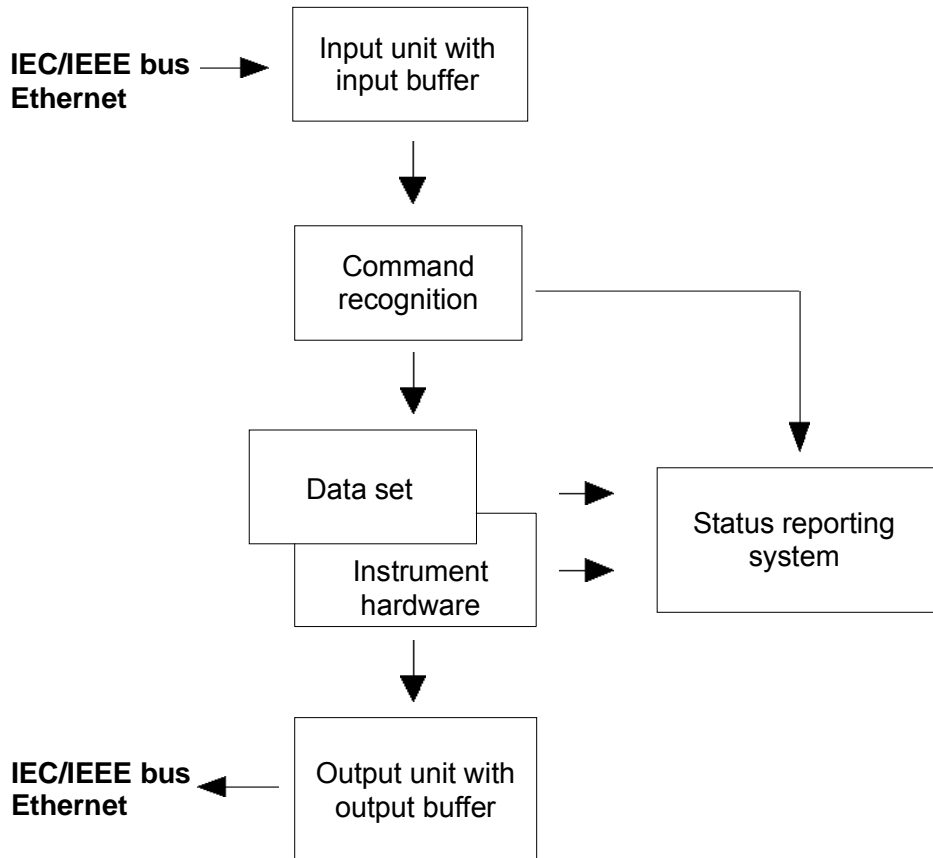


Figure 5-2 Instrument model in the case of remote control via IEC/IEEE bus or TCP/IP network

### Input Unit

The input unit receives commands character by character from the IEC/IEEE bus or via the Ethernet and collects them in the input buffer. The input unit sends a message to the command recognition as soon as the input buffer is full or as soon as it receives a delimiter, <PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR>, as defined in IEEE 488.2, or the interface message DCL.

If the input buffer is full, the traffic is stopped and the data received up to then is processed. Subsequently the traffic is continued. If, however, the buffer is not yet full when receiving the delimiter, the input unit can already receive the next command during command recognition and execution. The receipt of a DCL clears the input buffer and immediately initiates a message to the command recognition.

## Command Recognition

The command recognition analyses the data received from the input unit. It proceeds in the order in which it receives the data. Only a DCL is serviced with priority, a GET (Group Execute Trigger), e.g., is only executed after the commands received before. Each recognized command is immediately transmitted to the data set but not executed immediately.

The command recognition detects syntax errors in the commands and transfers them to the status reporting system. The rest of a command line after a syntax error is analyzed further if possible and serviced. After the syntax test, the value range of the parameter is checked, if required.

If the command recognition detects a delimiter or a DCL, it also requests the data set to perform the necessary instrument hardware settings. Subsequently it is immediately prepared to process further commands. This means that new commands can already be serviced while the hardware is still being set ("overlapping execution").

## Data Base and Instrument Hardware

The expression "instrument hardware" denotes the part of the instrument fulfilling the actual instrument function - signal generation etc. The controller is not included. The term "database" denotes a database that manages all the parameters and associated settings required for setting the instrument hardware.

Setting commands lead to an alteration in the data set. The data set management enters the new values (e.g. power) into the data set, however, only passes them on to the hardware when requested by the command recognition. As this is only ever effected at the end of a command line, the order of the setting commands in the command line is not relevant.

The data are only checked for their compatibility among each other and with the instrument hardware immediately before they are transmitted to the instrument hardware. If the detection is made that execution is not possible, an "execution error" is signaled to the status reporting system. All alterations of the data set are canceled, the instrument hardware is not reset. Due to the delayed checking and hardware setting, however, impermissible instrument states can be set for a short period of time within one command line without this leading to an error message. At the end of the command line, however, a permissible instrument state must have been reached again.

### Example:

With **Custom Digital Modulation**, the settable FSK deviation depends on the set symbol rate (in case of FSK modulation). The R&S Signal Generator responds as follows:

Assuming the set symbol rate is 100 ksymb/s, i.e. the permissible value range for FSK deviation is 1 kHz to 150 kHz. A deviation of 300 kHz should be set. To do so, the symbol rate has to be changed to 150 ksymb/s. The following commands are sent:

1. All commands in one program message:

```
:SOUR:BB:DM:FORM FSK2; :SOUR:BB:DM:FSK:DEV 300kHz; :SOUR:BB:DM:SRAT  
150kHz
```

This command line yields the desired setting. Since a valid state is obtained at the end of the program message, no error message is issued.

2. Each command in a separate program message:

```
:SOUR:BB:DM:FORM FSK2
:SOUR:BB:DM:FSK:DEV 300kHz
:SOUR:BB:DM:SRAT 150kHz
```

The command for setting the FSK deviation is rejected and an execution error is generated. At the time when this command is processed, the previous setting of the symbol rate (100 ksymb) is still valid, i.e. the value for the FSK deviation is outside the permissible value range. The two other commands are set.

3. The two first commands in one program message, the third command in a separate program message.

```
:SOUR:BB:DM:FORM FSK2; :SOUR:BB:DM:FSK:DEV 300kHz
:SOUR:BB:DM:SRAT 150kHz
```

The command for setting the FSK deviation is rejected and an execution error is generated. At the time when this command is processed, the previous setting of the symbol rate (100 ksymb) is still valid, i.e. the value for the FSK deviation is outside the permissible value range. The two other commands are executed.

This example shows that it is advisable to send interdependent commands in one program message as in this case the sequence in which they are sent is irrelevant.

For further examples on command sequence see section "[Command Sequence and Command Synchronization](#)", on page 5.22.

Before passing on the data to the hardware, the settling bit in the `STATUS:OPERATION` register is set (see section [Status Reporting System](#), page 5.26. The hardware executes the settings and resets the bit again as soon as the new state has settled. This fact can be used to synchronize command servicing.

Queries induce the data set management to send the desired data to the output unit.

## Status Reporting System

The status reporting system collects information on the instrument state and makes it available to the output unit on request. The exact structure and function are described in section "[Status Reporting System](#)", page 5.26.

## Output Unit

The output unit collects the information requested by the controller, which it receives from the data set management. It processes it according to the SCPI rules and makes it available in the output buffer.

If the instrument is addressed as a talker without the output buffer containing data or awaiting data from the data set management, the output unit sends the error message "Query UNTERMINATED" to the status reporting system. No data are sent on the IEC/IEEE bus or via the Ethernet, the controller waits until it has reached its time limit. This behavior is specified by SCPI.

## Command Sequence and Command Synchronization

IEEE 488.2 defines a distinction between overlapped and sequential commands:

- An overlapped command is one which does not automatically finish executing before the next command starts executing. Overlapped commands allow the program to do other tasks while being executed.
- A sequential command is one which always finishes before the next command starts executing. Sequential commands are not implemented in the generator, however the execution time of most commands is so short that they act as sequential commands when sent in different command lines.

If a particular device action can be performed only after the execution of a previous overlapped command, the controller must know when the overlapped command has finished. The necessary interaction between the controller and the test instrument is called command synchronization.

### Example 1: Overlapped command followed by non-conflicting commands

Suppose that the generator is switched on to provide a real time test signal that requires some calculation time. At the same time some settings for the configuration of a different signal are made which do not interact with the generated signal (e.g. the signal may be used later on).

The signal generation and the signal configuration are independent from each other, so none of the following overlapped commands needs to be synchronized:

```
SOURce:BB:3GPP:STAT ON
```

```
SOURce:BB:GSM:FORMat FSK2
```

### Example 2: Overlapped command followed by conflicting commands

Suppose that the generator is switched on to provide a real time test signal that requires some calculation time. This signal is to be added to a waveform from the second baseband generator. In this case the application program must ensure that the real signal is actually available in the added signal before further action is started. This involves an appropriate synchronization technique for the first command (the following sequence assumes an appropriate routing):

```
SOURce:BB:3GPP:STAT ON
```

```
<Wait until command has finished>
```

```
SOURce2:BB:GSM:STATe ON
```

Depending on the selected synchronization techniques, non-conflicting commands can be executed while waiting until the synchronized overlapped command has finished.



## Command Sequence

According to section "*Data Base and Instrument Hardware*", overlapped execution is possible in principle for all commands of the signal generator. Equally, setting commands within one command line are not necessarily serviced in the order in which they have been received. In order to make sure that commands are actually carried out in a certain order, each command must be sent in a separate command line (see also example in section "*Data Base and Instrument Hardware*", on page 5.20).

### Example 1: Commands and queries in one command line

The response from a query combined in a program message with commands that affect the queried value is not predictable. Sending

```
SOURce:BB:GSM:MODE DOUBle; FRAMe2:REPetitions 20
```

```
SOURce:BB:GSM:FRAMe2:REPetitions?
```

always returns 20. When: SOURce:BB:GSM:MODE DOUBle; FRAMe2:REPetitions 20;  
FRAMe2:REPetitions?

is sent, however, the result is not specified by SCPI. The result could be the RF generator frequency before the command was sent since the instrument might defer executing the individual commands until a program message terminator is received. The result could also be 1GHz if the instrument executes commands as they are received.

As a general rule, send commands and queries in different program messages.

### Example 2: Overlapped command with \*OPC in one command line

Assuming that SOURce:BB:3GPP:STAT ON takes longer to execute than \*OPC, sending the command sequence

```
SOURce:BB:W3GPP:STAT ON; *OPC?
```

results in initiating the calculation of the 3GPP signal and, and after the calculation is finished, setting the OPC bit in the ESR.

Sending the commands:

```
SOURce:BB:W3GPP:STAT ON; *OPC?; CLS
```

still the calculation of the 3GPP signal. Since the calculation may not yet be finished when the signal generator executes \*CLS, \*OPC can be effectively skipped. In this case the OPC bit is not set until the signal generator executes another \*OPC command.

As a general rule, avoid sending commands with reverse action in a single command line.

## Command Synchronization

In order to prevent an overlapping execution of commands, one of commands \*OPC, \*OPC? or \*WAI must be used. All three commands cause a certain action only to be carried out after the hardware has been set and has settled. By suitable programming, the controller can be forced to wait for the respective action to occur (see table).

Table 5-1 Synchronization with \*OPC, \*OPC? and \*WAI

Command	Action	Programming the controller
*OPC	Sets the Operation Complete bit in the ESR after all previous commands have been executed.	- Setting bit 0 in the ESE - Setting bit 5 in the SRE - Waiting for service request (SRQ)
*OPC?	Stops command processing until 1 is returned. This is only the case after the Operation Complete bit has been set in the ESR. This bit indicates that the previous setting has been completed.	Sending *OPC? directly after the command whose processing should be terminated before other commands can be executed. Disabling bit 4 (MAV) of the SRE register. <b>Alternative:</b> Service request or timeout method with enabled MAV bit; see below.
*WAI	Stops further command processing until all commands sent before *WAI have been executed.	Sending *WAI directly after the command whose processing should be terminated before other commands are executed.

Command synchronization by means of a \*WAI or \*OPC? appended to an overlapped command is a good choice if the overlapped command takes only little time to process. The two synchronization techniques simply block overlapped execution of the command.

For time consuming overlapped commands it is usually desirable to allow the controller or the R&S signal generator to do other useful work while waiting for command execution. Use one of the following methods:

### \*OPC with a service request

1. Set the OPC mask bit (bit no. 0) in the ESE: \*ESE 1
2. Set bit no. 5 in the SRE: \*SRE 32 to enable ESB service request.
3. Send the overlapped command with \*OPC
4. Wait for a service request

The service request indicates that the overlapped command has finished.

### \*OPC? with a service request

1. Set bit no. 4 in the SRE: \*SRE 16 to enable MAV service request.
2. Send the overlapped command with \*OPC?
3. Wait for a service request

The service request indicates that the overlapped command has finished.

### Event Status Register (ESE)

1. Set the OPC mask bit (bit no. 0) in the ESE: \*ESE 1
2. Send the overlapped command without \*OPC, \*OPC? or \*WAI
3. Poll the operation complete state periodically (by means of a timer) using the sequence: \*OPC; \*ESR?

A return value (LSB) of 1 indicates that the overlapped command has finished.

**\*OPC? with short timeout**

1. Send the overlapped command without \*OPC, \*OPC? or \*WAI
2. Poll the operation complete state periodically (by means of a timer) using the sequence: <short timeout>; \*OPC?

A return value (LSB) of 1 indicates that the overlapped command has finished. In case of a timeout, the operation is ongoing.

3. Reset timeout to former value
4. Clear the error queue with SYStem:ERRor? to remove the "-410, Query interrupted" entries.

**Using several threads in the controller application**

As an alternative, provided the programming environment of the controller application supports threads, separate threads can be used for the application GUI and for controlling the instrument(s) via SCPI.

A thread waiting for a \*OPC? thus will not block the GUI or the communication with other instruments.

# Status Reporting System

The status reporting system stores information on errors which have occurred. This information is stored in the error queue. The error queue can be queried via IEC/IEEE bus or via the Ethernet.

The information is of a hierarchical structure. The register status byte (STB) defined in IEEE 488.2 and its associated mask register service request enable (SRE) form the uppermost level. The STB receives its information from the standard event status register (ESR) which is also defined in IEEE 488.2 with the associated mask register standard event status enable (ESE) and registers.

The IST flag ("Individual Status") and the parallel poll enable register (PPE) allocated to it are also part of the status reporting system. The IST flag, like the SRQ, combines the entire instrument status in a single bit. The PPE fulfills an analog function for the IST flag as the SRE for the service request.

The output buffer contains the messages the instrument returns to the controller. It is not part of the status reporting system but determines the value of the MAV bit in the STB.

## Overview of the Status Register

The following figure shows the status registers used in the R&S Signal Generator.

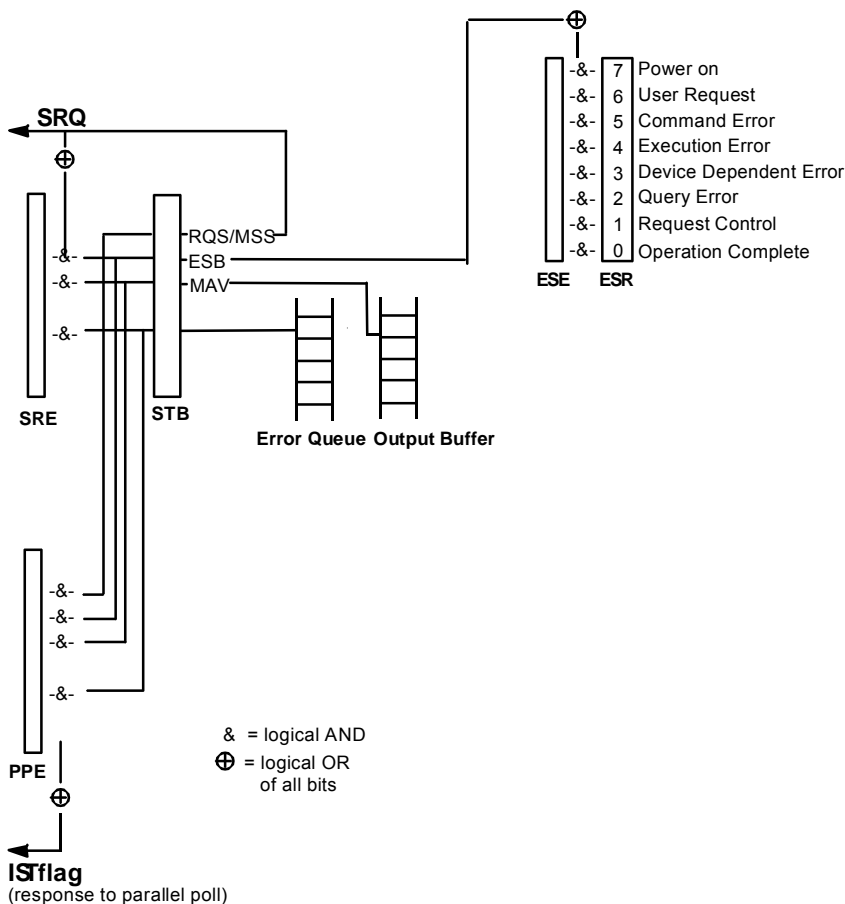


Figure 5-3 Overview of status registers

## Status Byte (STB) and Service Request Enable Register (SRE)

The STB is already defined in IEEE 488.2. It provides a rough overview of the instrument status by collecting the pieces of information of the lower registers. A special feature is that bit 6 acts as the sum bit of the remaining bits of the status byte.

The STATUS BYTE is read out using the command "`*STB?`" or a serial poll.

The STB is linked to the SRE. Each bit of the STB is assigned a bit in the SRE. Bit 6 of the SRE is ignored. If a bit is set in the SRE and the associated bit in the STB changes from 0 to 1, a Service Request (SRQ) is generated on the IEC/IEEE bus or via the Ethernet, which triggers an interrupt in the controller if this is appropriately configured and can be further processed there.

The SRE can be set using command "`*SRE`" and read using "`*SRE?`".

Table 5-2 Meaning of the bits used in the status byte

Bit no.	Meaning
0...1	Not used
2	Error Queue not empty The bit is set when an entry is made in the error queue. If this bit is enabled by the SRE, each entry of the error queue generates a Service Request. Thus an error can be recognized and specified in greater detail by polling the error queue. The poll provides an informative error message. This procedure is to be recommended since it considerably reduces the problems involved with Remote control.
3	Not used
4	<b>MAV bit</b> (Message available) The bit is set if a message is available in the output buffer which can be read. This bit can be used to enable data to be automatically read from the instrument to the controller.
5	ESB bit Sum bit of the event status register. It is set if one of the bits in the event status register is set and enabled in the event status enable register. Setting of this bit indicates a serious error which can be specified in greater detail by polling the event status register.
6	<b>MSS bit</b> (Master-Status-Summary-Bit) The bit is set if the instrument triggers a service request. This is the case if one of the other bits of this register is set together with its mask bit in the service request enable register SRE.
7	Not used

## IST-Flag and Parallel Poll Enable Register (PPE)

By analogy with the SRQ, the IST flag combines the entire status information in a single bit. It can be queried by means of a parallel poll (cf. section "[Parallel Poll](#)", page 5.29") or using the command "`*IST?`".

The parallel poll enable register (PPE) determines which bits of the STB contribute to the IST flag. The bits of the STB are ANDed with the corresponding bits of the PPE, with bit 6 being used as well in contrast to the SRE. The IST flag results from the ORing of all results. The PPE can be set using commands "`*PRE`" and read using command "`*PRE?`".

## Event Status Register (ESR) and Event Status Enable Register (ESE)

The ESR is defined in IEEE 488.2. The event status register can be read out using command "\*ESR?".

The ESE is the associated ENABLE part. It can be set using the command "\*ESE" and read using the command "\*ESE?".

Table 5-3 Meaning of the bits used in the event status register

Bit No.	Meaning
0	Operation Complete This bit is set on receipt of the command *OPC exactly when all previous commands have been executed.
1	not used
2	Query Error This bit is set if either the controller wants to read data from the instrument without having sent a query, or if it does not fetch requested data and sends new instructions to the instrument instead. The cause is often a query which is faulty and hence cannot be executed.
3	Device-dependent Error This bit is set if a device-dependent error occurs. An error message with a number between -300 and -399 or a positive error number, which denotes the error in greater detail, is entered into the error queue.
4	Execution Error This bit is set if a received command is syntactically correct but cannot be performed for other reasons. An error message with a number between -200 and -300, which denotes the error in greater detail, is entered into the error queue.
5	Command Error This bit is set if a command which is undefined or syntactically incorrect is received. An error message with a number between -100 and -200, which denotes the error in greater detail, is entered into the error queue.
6	User Request This bit is set on pressing the LOCAL key, i.e., when the instrument is switched over to manual operation.
7	<b>Power On</b> (supply voltage on) This bit is set on switching on the instrument.

## Application of the Status Reporting System

In order to effectively use the status reporting system, the information contained there must be transmitted to the controller and further processed. There are several methods, which are outlined in the following.

### Service Request

Under certain circumstances, the instrument can send a service request (SRQ) to the controller. Usually this service request initiates an interrupt at the controller, to which the control program can react appropriately. As evident from section "[Overview of the Status Register](#)", page 5.26, an SRQ is always initiated if one or several of bits 2, 4 or 5 of the status byte are set and enabled in the SRE. Each of these bits combines the information of the error queue or the output buffer. In order to use the possibilities of the service request effectively, all bits should be set to "1" in the enable registers SRE and ESE.

Example:

Use command `"*OPC"` to generate an SRQ

- `CALL IBWRT(generator%, "*ESE 1")` set bit 0 of ESE (Operation Complete)
- `CALL IBWRT(generator%, "*SRE 32")` set bit 5 of SRE (ESB)

After its settings have been completed, the instrument generates an SRQ.

The SRQ is the only possibility for the instrument to become active on its own. Each controller program should set the instrument such that a service request is initiated in the case of malfunction. The program should react appropriately to the service request.

## Serial Poll

In a serial poll, just as upon the command `"*STB"`, the status byte of an instrument is queried. However, the query is made via interface messages and is thus clearly faster. The serial-poll method has already been defined in IEEE 488.1 and used to be the only standard possibility for different instruments to poll the status byte. The method also works for instruments which do not adhere to SCPI or IEEE 488.2.

The VISUAL BASIC command for executing a serial poll is `"IBRSP( )"`. The serial poll is mainly used to obtain a fast overview of the state of several instruments connected to the IEC/IEEE bus or via the Ethernet.

## Parallel Poll

In a parallel poll, the controller uses a single command to request up to eight instruments to transmit one bit of information each on the data lines, i.e., to set the data line allocated to each instrument to a logical "0" or "1". In addition to the SRE register, which determines the conditions under which an SRQ is generated, there is a parallel poll enable register (PPE). This register is ANDed with the STB bit by bit, considering bit 6 as well. The results are ORed, the result is possibly inverted and then sent as a response to the parallel poll of the controller. The result can also be queried without parallel poll by means of the command `"*IST?"`.

The instrument first has to be set for the parallel poll using the VISUAL BASIC command `"IBPPC( )"`. This command allocates a data line to the instrument and determines whether the response is to be inverted. The parallel poll itself is executed using `"IBRPP( )"`.

The parallel poll method is mainly used to find out quickly which one of the instruments connected to the IEC/IEEE bus has sent a service request. To this effect, SRE and PPE must be set to the same value.

## Query by Means of Commands

Each part of any status register can be read by means of queries. The individual commands are listed in the description of the STATus Subsystem. The returned value is always a number that represents the bit pattern of the register queried. This number is evaluated by the controller program.

Queries are usually used after an SRQ in order to obtain more detailed information on the cause of the SRQ.

## Error Queue Query

Each error state in the instrument leads to an entry in the error queue. The entries of the error queue are detailed plain-text error messages that can be looked at in the ERROR menu via manual operation or queried via the IEC/IEEE bus or via the Ethernet using command "SYSTem:ERRor?". Each call of "SYSTem:ERRor?" provides one entry from the error queue. If no error messages are stored there any more, the instrument responds with 0, "No error".

The error queue should be queried after every SRQ in the controller program as the entries describe the cause of an error more precisely than the status registers. Especially in the test phase of a controller program the error queue should be queried regularly since faulty commands from the controller to the instrument are recorded there as well.

## Reset Values of the Status Reporting Systems

Commands \*RST, \*DCL and SYSTem:PRESet and switching on the supply voltage also affect the status reporting system. None of the commands, except for \*RST and SYSTem:PRESet influences the functional instrument settings. In particular, DCL does not change the instrument settings.

Table 5-4 Resetting the Status Reporting System

Event	Switching on supply voltage		DCL,SDC (Device Clear, Selected Device Clear)	*RST or SYSTem:PRESet	STATus:PRESet	*CLS
	Power-On-Status-Clear					
Effect	0	1				
Clear STB,ESR	–	yes	–	–	–	yes
Clear SRE,ESE	–	yes	–	–	–	–
Clear PPE	–	yes	–	–	–	–
Clear error-queue	yes	yes	–	–	–	yes
Clear output buffer	yes	yes	yes	1)	1)	1)
Clear command processing and input buffer	yes	yes	yes	–	–	–

1) Every command being the first in a command line, i.e. immediately following a <PROGRAM MESSAGE TERMINATOR> clears the output buffer



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# Remote-Control Commands - Description of Commands

In the following, all remote-control commands will be presented in detail with their parameters and the ranges of numerical values.

An introduction to remote control and the status registers is given in chapter 5.

## Notation

All commands implemented in the instrument are first listed in tables and then described in detail, arranged alphabetically according to the command subsystems. The notation is adapted to the SCPI standard. The SCPI conformity information is included in the individual description of the commands.

### Table of Commands

Command:	In the command column, the table provides an overview of the commands.
Parameter:	The parameter column indicates the requested parameters together with their specified range.
Unit:	The unit column indicates the basic unit of the physical parameters.
Remark:	In the remark column an indication is made on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- whether the command does not have a query form,</li> <li>- whether the command has only one query form</li> </ul>

### Individual description

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The individual description contains the complete notation of the command.

example for each command, the \*RST value and the SCPI information are included as well

The options that are required to execute the command are listed. In case of dependencies between commands they are also indicated.

### Upper/lower case notation

Upper/lower case letters are used to mark the long or short form of the key words of a command in the description (see Chapter 5). The instrument itself does not distinguish between upper and lower case letters.

### Special characters |

A selection of key words with an identical effect exists for several commands. These keywords are indicated in the same line; they are separated by a vertical stroke. Only one of these keywords needs to be included in the header of the command. The effect of the command is independent of which of the keywords is used.

Example: **SOURce:FREQuency:CW|:FIXed**

The two following commands with identical meaning can be created. They set the frequency of the fixed frequency signal to 1 kHz

**SOURce:FREQuency:CW 1E3 = SENSE:FREQuency:FIXed 1E3**

A vertical stroke in parameter indications marks alternative possibilities in the sense of "or". The effect of the command is different, depending on which parameter is used.

Example: Selection of the parameters for the command

**SOURce:COUPling AC | DC**

If parameter AC is selected, only the AC content is fed through, in the case of DC, the DC as well as the AC content.

[ ] Key words in square brackets can be omitted when composing the header (cf. Chapter 5, Optional Keywords). The full command length must be accepted by the instrument for reasons of compatibility with the SCPI standards.

Parameters in square brackets can be incorporated optionally in the command or omitted as well.

{ } Parameters in braces can be incorporated optionally in the command, either not at all, once or several times..

**Description of parameters** Due to the standardization, the parameter section of SCPI commands consists always of the same syntactical elements. SCPI has therefore specified a series of definitions, which are used in the tables of commands. In the tables, these established definitions are indicated in angled brackets (<...>) and will be briefly explained in the following (see also Chapter 5, Section "Parameters").

<Boolean> This keyword refers to parameters which can adopt two states, "on" and "off". The "off" state may either be indicated by the keyword **OFF** or by the numeric value 0, the "on" state is indicated by **ON** or any numeric value other than zero. Parameter queries are always returned the numeric value 0 or 1.

<numeric\_value>

<num> These keywords mark parameters which may be entered as numeric values or be set using specific keywords (character data).  
The following keywords given below are permitted:

MINimum This keyword sets the parameter to the smallest possible value.

MAXimum This keyword sets the parameter to the largest possible value.

DEFault This keyword is used to reset the parameter to its default value.

UP This keyword increments the parameter value.

DOWN This keyword decrements the parameter value.

The numeric values associated to MAXimum/MINimum/DEFault can be queried by adding the corresponding keywords to the command. They must be entered following the quotation mark.

Example: **SOURce:FREQuency? MAXimum**

eturns the maximum possible numeric value of the center frequency as result.

<arbitrary block program data> This keyword is provided for commands the parameters of which consist of a binary data block.

# Command Description

## Common Commands

The common commands are taken from the standard IEEE 488.2 (IEC 625.2). Identical commands have an identical effect in different instruments. The headers of these commands consist of an asterisk "\*" followed by three letters. Many common commands affect the status reporting system, which is described in detail in Chapter 5.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
*CLS			Clear status; no query
*ESE	0...255		Event status enable
*ESR?	0...255		Standard event status query; query only
*IDN?			Identification query; query only
*IST?	0...255		Individual status query; query only
*OPC			Operation complete
*OPT?			Option identification query; query only
*PRE	0...255		Parallel poll register enable
*PSC	0   1		Power on status clear
*RCL	1...10		Recall
*RST			Reset; no query
*SAV	1...10		Save
*SRE	0...255		Service request enable
*STB?			Status byte query; query only
*TRG			Trigger; no query
*TST?			Self test query; query only
*WAI			Wait to continue; no query

### \*CLS

**CLEAR STATUS** sets the status byte (STB), the standard event register (ESR), and the EVENT part of the QUEStionable and OPERation register to zero. The command does not change the enable and transition parts of the registers. It deletes the output buffer.

### \*ESE 0...255

**EVENT STATUS ENABLE** sets the event status enable register to the specified value. The \*ESE? query command returns the content of the event status enable register in decimal form.

### \*ESR?

**STANDARD EVENT STATUS QUERY** returns the content of the event status register in decimal form (0...255) and then sets the register to zero.

### \*IDN?

**IDENTIFICATION QUERY** queries the instrument identification. The instrument type, serial number and firmware version are returned.

**\*IST?**

**INDIVIDUAL STATUS QUERY** returns the content of the IST flag in decimal form (0 | 1). The IST flag is the status bit which is sent during a parallel poll.

**\*OPC**

**OPERATION COMPLETE** sets bit 0 in the event status register when all previous commands have been processed. This bit can be used to trigger a service request.

**\*OPC?**

**OPERATION COMPLETE QUERY** returns a 1 when all previous commands have been processed. It is important to ensure that the timeout set at the IEC/IEEE bus is long enough.

**\*OPT?**

**OPTION IDENTIFICATION QUERY** queries the options configured in the instrument and returns a list of the installed options. The options are separated by commas.

**\*PRE 0 ... 255**

**PARALLEL POLL REGISTER ENABLE** sets the parallel poll enable register to the specified value. The \*PRE? query command returns the content of the parallel poll enable register in decimal form.

**\*PSC 0 | 1**

**POWER ON STATUS CLEAR** determines whether the content of the ENABLE registers are retained or reset at power on.

**Parameters:**       **0**

The content of the status registers is retained at power on. If the status registers ESE and SRE are configured accordingly, this may cause a service request to be triggered at power on.

**1**

The content of the status registers is reset at power on.

The **query** \*PSC? retrieves the contents of the Power-on-Status-Clear flag. The answer is either 0 or 1.

**\*RCL 0...10**

**RECALL** calls up the instrument status which was stored under the specified number using the \*SAV command or using the `MMEMoRY:STORe:STATe` command. "0" corresponds to the power-on state, unless a new instrument setting was stored under this number in the meantime using the `MMEMoRY:STORe:STATe` command. This command can also be used to call up the 3 intermediate instrument states which are stored with \*SAV.

**\*RST**

**RESET** resets the instrument to a defined default state. The command has the same effect as pressing the **PRESET** key. The default setting is given in the description of the commands.

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Fading (if available) and transient recorder are only preset by this command.

**\*SAV**

**SAVE** stores the current device state under the specified number (see also \*RCL). The command is used to store the 3 intermediate instrument states and to store the current instrument state internally when the instrument is switched off. This state is then restored at power on.

**\*SRE 0 ... 255**

**SERVICE REQUEST ENABLE** sets the service request enable register to the specified value. Bit 6 (MSS enable bit) remains 0. This command determines the conditions under which a service request is triggered. The \*SRE? query command reads out the content of the service request enable register in decimal form. Bit 6 is always 0.

**\*STB?**

**READ STATUS BYTE QUERY** reads out the content of the status byte in decimal form.

**\*TRG**

**TRIGGER** triggers all actions which are waiting for a trigger event. Specific trigger events can be triggered by means of the "TRIGger" command system (sweep and lists) or the SOURce subsystems (baseband).

**\*TST?**

**SELF TEST QUERY** triggers all self tests of the instrument and outputs an error code in decimal form (see Service Manual supplied with the instrument).

**\*WAI**

**WAIT-to-CONTINUE** does not allow subsequent commands to be processed until all previous commands have been executed and all signals are in their transient condition.

## Preset Commands

The preset commands are not bundled in one subsystem. Therefore, they are listed separately in this section. In addition, a specific preset command is provided for each digital standard and for the fader. These specific commands are described in the associated subsystems.

Three presetting actions are available:

1. Activating the default state of all instrument functions (\*RST)
2. Activating the preset state of the parameters related to the selected signal path (SOURCE<[1]:2>:PRESet)
3. Activating the preset state of all parameters that are not related to the signal path (DEVICE:PRESet)

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
DEVICE:PRESet			No query
*RST			No query
SOURCE<[1] 2>:Preset			No query

### DEVICE:PRESet

The command presets all parameters which are not related to the signal path. This includes presetting the LF generator and, in case of two-path instruments, bit/block error measurement.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "DEV:PRES"  
'presets all instruments settings that are not related to the signal path.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

### \*RST

**RESET** resets the instrument to a defined default state. The command has the same effect as pressing the [PRESET](#) key. The default setting is given in the description of the commands.

Fading (if available) and transient recorder are only preset by this command.

### SOURCE<[1]:2>:PRESet

The command presets all parameters which are related to the selected signal path.

Fading (if available) and transient recorder are only preset by command \*RST.

For two-path instruments, the suffix under SOURCE distinguishes the paths:

SOURCE[1] = path A

SOURCE2 = path B

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SOUR:PRES"  
'presets all settings that are related to signal path.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific



## CALibration Subsystem

The CALibration system contains the commands for adjustment. Adjustment is triggered by the query commands. The response "0" indicates error-free adjustment, and the response "1" means that an error occurred during adjustment.

In the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, adjustment can be set separately and independently for the two RF paths A and B. The suffix under SOURce distinguishes the outputs:

CALibrate[1] = RF path A

CALibrate2 = RF path B

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
CALibration:ALL[:MEASure]?			Query only
CALibration:BBIN[:MEASure]?			Query only
CALibration:FMOffset[:MEASure]?			Query only
CALibration<[1]]2>:FREQuency[:MEASure]?			Query only
CALibration<[1]]2>:IQModulator:FULL?			Query only
CALibration<[1]]2>:IQModulator:LOCal?			Query only
CALibration<[1]]2>:LEVel[:MEASure]?			Query only
CALibration<[1]]2>:LEVel:STATe	ON   OFF		

### CALibration:ALL[:MEASure]?

The command starts all internal adjustments for which no external measuring equipment is needed. With two-path instruments, adjustment is performed for both paths.

**Example:** "CAL:ALL:MEAS?"  
'starts the adjustment of all functions for the entire instrument.

Response: "0"  
'adjustment has been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

### CALibration:BBIN[:MEASure]?

The command starts adjustment of the analog I/Q input. The I/Q input is adjusted with respect to DC offset and gain.

**Example:** "CAL:BBIN:MEAS?"  
'starts the adjustment of the analog I/Q input.

Response: "0"  
'adjustment has been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**CALibration<[1]|2>:FMOffset[:MEASure]?**

The command starts all adjustment for the FM/PhiM modulator.

**Example:** "CAL:FMOF?"  
'starts the adjustments for the FM/Phim modulator.

Response: "0"  
'the adjustments have been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**CALibration<[1]|2>:FREQUENCY[:MEASure]?**

The command starts all adjustments which affect the frequency (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the selected path).

**Example:** "CAL:FREQ:MEAS?"  
'starts the adjustments for maximum frequency accuracy.

Response: "0"  
'the adjustments have been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**CALibration<[1]|2>:IQModulator:FULL?**

The command starts adjustment of the I/Q modulator for the entire frequency range. The I/Q modulator is adjusted with respect to carrier leakage, I/Q imbalance and quadrature.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "CAL:IQM:FULL?"  
'starts adjustments for the I/Q modulator across the entire frequency range.

Response: "0"  
'adjustment has been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**CALibration<[1]|2>:IQModulation:LOCAL?**

The command starts adjustment of the I/Q modulator for the currently set frequency, I/Q swap and baseband gain. The I/Q modulator is adjusted with respect to carrier leakage, I/Q imbalance and quadrature.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "CAL:IQM:LOC?"  
'starts adjustment for the I/Q modulator for the currently set frequency.

Response: "0"  
'adjustment has been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**CALibration<[1]2>:LEVel[:MEASure]?**

The command starts all adjustments which affect the level (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the selected path).

**Example:** "CAL:LEV:MEAS?"  
 'starts adjustments for maximum level accuracy.

Response: "0"  
 'adjustment has been performed successfully.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**CALibration<[1]2>:LEVel:STATe**

The command switches on or off internal level correction.

**Example:** "CAL:LEV:STAT"  
 'switches on Level correction.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON	-	Device-specific

## CLOCK Subsystem

The CLOCK system contains the commands for configuration of the signals at the clock output and input connectors.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
CLOCK:INPut:FREQuency			Query only
CLOCK:INPut:SLOPe	POSitive   NEGative		
CLOCK:OUTPut:MODE	BIT   SYMBol		
CLOCK:OUTPut:SOURce			Query only

### CLOCK:INPut:FREQuency

The command sets the measured frequency of the external clock signal. An external clock reference must be supplied at the CLOCK input.

The command is a query command and therefore does not have an \*RST value.

**Example:** "CLOCK:INP:FREQ?"  
'queries the measured frequency of the external clock reference.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
	-	Device-specific

### CLOCK:INPut:SLOPe POSitive | NEGative

The command sets the active slope of an externally applied clock signal at the CLOCK connector.

**Example:** "CLOCK:INP:SLOP NEG"  
'the active slope of the external clock signal at the CLOCK connector is the falling slope.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
POSitive	-	Device-specific

### CLOCK:OUTPut:MODE?

The command sets the output of bit or symbol clock pulses at the CLOCK OUT connector at the rear panel.

**Example:** "CLOCK:OUTP:MODE SYMB"  
'the internal symbol clock is output at the CLOCK OUT connector

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SYMBol	-	Device-specific

### CLOCK:OUTPut:SOURce?

The command queries the path for which the clock signal at the CLOCK OUT connector is to be output.

The command is a query command and therefore does not have an \*RST value.

**Example:** "CLOCK:OUTP:SOUR?"  
'queries the path for which the clock signal at the CLOCK OUT connector is to be output.

Response: A  
'the clock signal of path is output at the CLOCK OUT connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## DIAGnostic Subsystem

The DIAGnostic system contains the commands used for instrument diagnosis and servicing. SCPI does not define any DIAGnostic commands; the commands listed here are all Device-specific. All DIAGnostic commands are query commands which are not influenced by \*RST.

In the case of two-path instruments, the numerical suffix under DIAGnostic distinguishes between Path A and Path B:

DIAGnostic[1] = Path A

DIAGnostic2 = Path B

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
DIAGnostic<[1] 2>:BGInfo?	<module name>		Query only
DIAGnostic<[1] 2>:BGInfo:CATalog?			Query only
DIAGnostic:INFO:OTIME?			Query only
DIAGnostic:INFO:POCounter?			Query only
DIAGnostic<[1] 2>:POINT:CATalog?			Query only
DIAGnostic<[1] 2>[:MEASure]:POINT?	<point name>		Query only

### DIAGnostic<[1]|2>:BGInfo? <module name>

The command checks the modules available in the instrument using the variant and revision state.

If the command is sent without parameters being specified, a complete list of all modules is returned (the various entries are separated by commas). The length of the list is variable and depends on the instrument equipment configuration.

If the command is sent with parameters, a list of the specified modules is returned (the various entries are separated by commas). A list of modules names can be called up using the `DIAG:BGInfo:CATalog?` command.

Each entry for one module consists of four parts which are separated by space characters:

Module name Module stock number incl. variant Module revision Module serial number.

For two-path instruments, the path for which the query is performed is determined by the numerical suffix.

**Example:**

```
"DIAG:BGInfo?"
'queries the instrument configuration.
```

```
Response: MBRD,SSYN,IQOP3,IQOP3_LCM,...
'returns the data of all available modules.
```

```
"DIAG:BGInfo? 'MBRD'"
'queries the configuration of the motherboard.
```

```
Response: MBRD 1141.3501.02 1.5.3 100023
'module motherboard with stock number 1141.3501.01 has revision 1.5.3 and
serial number 100023.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**DIAGnostic<[1]|2>:BGInfo:CATalog?**

The command queries the names of the assemblies available in the instrument.

A complete list of all assemblies is returned (the various entries are separated by commas). The length of the list is variable and depends on the instrument equipment configuration.

For two-path instruments, the path for which the query is performed is determined by the numerical suffix.

**Example:** "DIAG:BGIN:CAT?"  
'queries the names of the assemblies.

Response: MBRD,SSYN,IQOP3,IQOP3\_LCM, . . . .

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**DIAGnostic:INFO:OTIME?**

The command queries the number of operation hours

**Example:** "DIAG:INFO:OTIM?"  
'queries the operation hours.

Response: "100023"  
'the instrument was operated for 100023 hours up to now.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**DIAGnostic:INFO:PCOut?**

The command queries the number of power-on events.

**Example:** "DIAG:INFO:POC?"  
'queries the number of power on events.

Response: "123"  
'the instrument was switched on for 123 times up to now.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**DIAGnostic<[1]|2>:POINT:CATalog?**

The command queries the test points available in the instrument. A detailed description of the test points can be found in chapter 3, section "Trouble Shooting" of the Service Manual (on CD-ROM, supplied with the instrument).

**Example:** "DIAG:POIN:CAT?"  
'queries the test points available in the instrument.

Response: 'DIAG\_IQOP3\_LCM\_CAL\_I,DIAG\_IQOP3\_LCM\_I, . . .

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**DIAGnostic<[1]|2>[:MEASure]:POINt?**

The command triggers voltage measurement at the specified test point and returns the measured voltage. A detailed description of the test points can be found in chapter 3, section "Trouble Shooting" of the Service Manual (on CD-ROM, supplied with the instrument).

A list of the available test points for the respective path can be queried using the `DIAG<[1]|2>:POIN:CAT?` command.

**Example:**            "`DIAG:POIN? 'DIAG_IQOP3_LCM_CAL_I'`"  
                          'triggers measurement at the test point `DIAG_IQOP3_LCM_CAL_I`.

Response: 0.5  
           'the voltage at the test point is 0.5 volt.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## FORMat Subsystem

The FORMat subsystem contains the commands which determine the format of the data that the R&S Vector Signal Generator returns to the controller. This affects all query commands which return a list of numerical data or block data. Reference is made to this in the descriptions of the commands.

For two-path instruments, the data format is set simultaneously for both paths.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
<code>FORMat:BORDER</code>	<code>NORMal</code>   <code>SWAPped</code>		
<code>FORMat[:DATA]</code>	<code>ASCIi</code>   <code>PACKed</code>		
<code>FORMat:SREGister</code>	<code>ASCIi</code>   <code>BINary</code>   <code>HEXadecimal</code>   <code>OCTal</code>		

**FORMat:BORDER** `NORMal` | `SWAPped`

The command determines the sequence of bytes within a binary block. This only affects blocks which use the IEEE754 format internally.

**Parameters:**    **NORMal**  
                          The R&S Vector Signal Generator expects (with setting commands) and sends (with queries) the least significant byte of each IEEE754 floating-point number first, and the most significant byte last.

**SWAPped**  
                          The R&S Vector Signal Generator expects (with setting commands) and sends (with queries) the most significant byte of each IEEE754 floating-point number first, and the least significant byte last.

**Example:**            "`FORM:BORD SWAP`"  
                          'the data is transferred with the most significant bit first.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
<code>NORMal</code>	-	Compliant

**FORMat[:DATA] ASCii | PACKed**

The command determines the data format which the R&S Vector Signal Generator uses to return data. When data is transferred from the control computer to the instrument, the instrument detects the data format automatically. In this case, the value set here is irrelevant.

**Parameters:**     **ASCii**  
 Numerical data is transferred as plain text separated by commas.

**PACKed**  
 Numerical data is transferred as binary block data. The format within the binary data depends on the command. The various binary data formats are explained in the description of the parameter types.

**Example:**        "FORM ASC"  
                   'the data is transferred as ASCII data.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ASCii	-	Compliant

**FORMat:SREGister ASCii | BINary | HEXadecimal | OCTal**

The command determines the numerical format which is returned when the status registers are queried.

**Parameters:**     **ASCii**  
 The register content is returned as a decimal number.

**BINary**  
 The register content is returned as a binary number. #B is placed in front of the number.

**HEXadecimal**  
 The register content is returned as a hexadecimal number. #H is placed in front of the number.

**OCTal**  
 The register content is returned as an octal number. #Q is placed in front of the number.

**Example:**        "FORM:SREG HEX"  
                   'the register content is returned as a hexadecimal number.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ASCii	-	Compliant



## MMEMory Subsystem

The MMEMory subsystem (Mass Memory) contains the commands for managing files and directories as well as for loading and storing complete instrument settings in files.

The various drives can be selected using the "mass storage unit specifier" <msus>. The internal hard disk is selected with "D:\", and a memory stick which is inserted at the USB interface is selected with "E:\". The resources of a network can also be selected with <msus> in the syntax of the respective network, e.g. using the UNC format (Universal Naming Convention): '\\server\share'.

The default drive is determined using the command `MMEMory:MSIS <msus>`.

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### Note:

*The C: drive is a protected system drive. This drive should not be accessed. Reconstruction of the system partition will not be possible without loss of data.*

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To enable files in different file systems to be used, the following file naming conventions should be observed:

The file name can be of any length and no distinction is made between uppercase and lowercase letters. The file and the optional file extension are separated by a dot. All letters and numbers are permitted (numbers are, however, not permitted at the beginning of the file name). Where possible, special characters should not be used. Use of the slashes "/" and "\" should be avoided since they are used in file paths. A number of names are reserved by the operating system, e.g. CLOCK\$, CON, AUX, COM1...COM4, LPT1...LPT3, NUL and PRN.

In the R&S Vector Signal Generator all files in which lists and settings are stored are given a characteristic extension. The extension is separated from the actual file name by a dot (see the following table containing a list of the file types).

The two characters "\*" and "?" function as "wildcards", i.e. they are used for selecting several files. The "?" character represents exactly one character, while the "\*" character represents all characters up to the end of the file name. "\*. \*" therefore stands for all the files in a directory.

When used in conjunction with the commands, the parameter <file\_name> is specified as a string parameter with quotation marks. It can contain either the complete path including the drive, only the path and file name, or only the file name. The same applies for the parameters <directory\_name> and <path>. Depending on how much information is provided, either the values specified in the parameter or the values specified with the commands `MMEM:MSIS` (default drive) and `MMEM:CDIR` (default directory) are used for the path and drive setting in the commands.

In the example below, the current instrument setting is always stored in the file 'test1.ss' in the directory 'user' on the internal hard disk.

```
MMEM:STOR:STAT 0, "d:\user\test1.ss"
```

If the complete path including the drive letter is specified, the file is stored in the specified path.

```
MMEM:MSIS 'D:'
MMEM:STOR:STAT 0, "\user\test1.ss"
```

If the parameter only contains the path and file name, the default drive set with the `MMEM:MSIS` command is effective.

```
MMEM:MSIS 'd:\'
MMEM:CDIR 'user'
MMEM:STOR:STAT 0, "test1.ss"
```

If the parameter only contains the file name, the file is stored on the default drive `MMEM:MSIS` and in the default directory which was selected with the `MMEM:CDIR` command.

The data for **both** paths is always transferred simultaneously for all data transfer commands.

Table 6-1 List of file extensions assigned automatically in R&S Vector Signal Generator

List type	Contents	File suffix
<b>Instrument State</b>		
Instrument State	Instrument settings	*.savrcf
<b>User Correction</b>		
User Correction	User-defined level correction values	*.uco
<b>List Mode</b>		
List	User-defined frequency/level value pairs	*.lsw
<b>Arbitrary Waveform Generator</b>		
Waveform, Multi Segment Waveform	ARB waveforms	*.wv
Multi Segment Configuration	Configuration info for multi segment waveforms	*.inf_mswv
<b>DM</b>		
Data List	Digital modulation data	*.dm_iqd
Control List	Data to control digital modulation	*.dm_iqc
<b>GSM/EDGE</b>		
Slot	User-defined slot data	*.gsm_slu
Frame	User-defined frame data	*.gsm_fu
<b>3GPP FDD</b>		
3GPP Settings	Complete setting of the 2GPP (FDD) menu	*.3g
Channel Coding DPCH	Channel coding enhanced DPCH channels (uplink)	*.3g_ccod_ul
Channel Coding DPDCH	Channel coding enhanced DPDCH channels (downlink)	*.3g_ccod_dl
<b>CDMA2000</b>		
CDMA2000 Settings	Complete setting of the CDMA2000 menu	*.cdma2k
<b>WLAN</b>		
WLAN Settings	Complete setting of the IEEE 802.11 WLAN menu	*.wlan
<b>WiMAX</b>		
WiMAX Settings	Complete setting of the IEEE 802.16 WiMAX menu	*.wimax
<b>GPS</b>		
GPS Settings	Complete setting of the GPS menu	*.gps
<b>TD-SCDMA</b>		
TD-SCDMA Settings	Complete setting of the TD-SCDMA menu	*.tdscdma
<b>XM-Radio</b>		
EUTRA/LTE Settings	Complete settings of the EUTRA/LTE menu	*.eutra
<b>XM-Radio</b>		
XM-Radio Settings	Complete settings of the XM-Radio menu	*.xmradio

**MMEMory - Command Table**

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
MMEMory:CATalog?	<path>		Query only
MMEMory:CATalog:LENGth?			Query only
MMEMory:CDIRectory	<directory_name>		No query
MMEMory:COPIY	<file_name>,<file_name>		No query
MMEMory:DATA	<file_name>[,<block>]		
MMEMory:DCATalog?			Query only
MMEMory:DCATalog:LENGth?			Query only
MMEMory:LOAD:STATe	0,<file_name>		No query
MMEMory:DELeTe	<file_name>		No query
MMEMory:MDIRectory	<directory_name>		No query
MMEMory:MOVE	<file_name>,<file_name>		No query
MMEMory:MSIS	<msus>		
MMEMory:RDIRectory	<directory_name>		
MMEMory:STORe:STATe	0,<file_name>		

**MMEMory:CATalog? <path>**

This command reads out the subdirectories and files in the specified directory. If no directory is specified, the default directory selected with the `MMEM:CDIR` command is read out on the default drive selected with the `MMEM:MSIS` command.

The response has the following format:

```
<used_bytes_in_this_directory>,<free_bytes_on_this_disk>,  
"<file_name>,<file_type>,<filesize_in_bytes>",  
"<file_name>,<file_type>,<filesize_in_bytes>", ...
```

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Parameters:**     <file\_name>  
                    File or directory name.

**<file\_type>**  
File type. There are the following file types: DIR (directory), ASCii (ASCII file), BINary (Binary file), and STATe (file with instrument settings).

**<filesize\_in\_bytes>**  
File size. The size "0" is returned for a directory.

**Example:**       "MMEM:CAT? '\\Server\DATA\\*.LOG'  
                    Reads back all files in \\Server\DATA with the extension ".LOG".

"MMEM:CAT? 'd:\user'  
                    'reads out all files at the highest directory level of the memory stick.

Response:

```
""127145265,175325184,"test,DIR,0","temp,DIR,0","readme.txt,ASC,1324","state.  
savracl,STAT,5327","waveform.wv,BIN,2342"  
'the directory D:\User contains the subdirectories 'test' and 'temp' as  
well as the files 'readme.txt', 'state.savracl' and 'waveform.wv'  
which have different file types.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:CATalog:LENGth? <path>**

This command reads out the number of files in the specified directory. If no directory is specified, the default directory selected with the `MMEM:CDIR` command is read out on the default drive selected with the `MMEM:MSIS` command.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** `"MMEM:CAT:LENG? 'e:\"`  
 'reads out the number of files at the highest directory level of the memory stick.

Response: `"1"`  
 'there is 1 file at the highest directory level of the memory stick.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**MMEMory:CDIRectory <directory\_name>**

This command changes the default directory. This directory is used for all subsequent `MMEM` commands if no path is specified with them. It is also possible to change to a higher directory using two dots `..'`.

**Example:** `"MMEM:CDIR 'test'"`  
 'changes from the current directory level to the subdirectory `'test'`.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
D:\	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:COpy <source>[,<destination>]**

This command copies the first specified file to the second specified file. Instead of just a file, this command can also be used to copy a complete directory together with all its files.

If `<destination>` is not specified, `<source>` is copied to the `MMEM:MSIS` drive and the `MMEM:CDIR` directory. Files which already exist with the same name in the destination directory are overwritten without an error message.

It is also possible to specify the path using another parameter. The command is:  
**MMEMory:COpy** `<file_source><msus_source>[,<file_destination>,<msus_destination>]`

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** `"MMEM:COpy 'D:\USER\TEST1.SVARCL','E:'"`  
 'copies the file `'test1.savrcl'` in the `USER` directory on the internal hard disk to the memory stick without changing the file name.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:DATA** <file\_name>[,<binary block data>]  
**MMEMory:DATA?** <file\_name>

This command writes the block data <binary block data> to the file identified by <file\_name>. The IEC/IEEE-bus terminator should be set to EOI in order to ensure correct data transfer.

The associated query command transfers the specified file from the R&S Vector Signal Generator to the IEC/IEEE bus and then on to the control computer. It is important to ensure that the intermediate memory on the control computer is large enough to take the file. In this case, the setting for the IEC/IEEE-bus terminator is irrelevant. This command can be used to read/transfer stored instrument settings or waveforms directly from/to the instrument.

The binary data block has the following structure: #234<block\_data>  
 # always comes first in the binary block  
 <number> indicates how many digits the subsequent length entry has (2 in example)  
 <number> indicates the number of subsequent bytes (34 in example)  
 <binary block data> binary block data for the specified length

**Example:** "MMEM:DATA 'TEST1.WV',#3767<binary data>"  
 'writes the block data to the file 'test1.wv'.  
 "MMEM:DATA? 'TEST1.WV'"  
 'sends the data of the file 'Test1.wv' from the R&S Vector Signal Generator to the control computer in the form of a binary block.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:DCATalog?** <path>

This command reads out the subdirectories of the specified directory. If no directory is specified, the default directory selected with the MMEM:CDIR command is read out. The directories are output in a list (the list entries are separated by commas).

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:DCAT?"  
 'reads out the subdirectories of the current directory.  
 Response: "'test', 'wave', 'digital'"  
 'the subdirectories 'test', 'wave' and 'digital' exist in the current directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**MMEMory:DCATalog:LENGth?** <path>

This command reads out the number of subdirectories in the specified directory. If no directory is specified, the directory selected with the MMEM:CDIR command is read out.

**Example:** "MMEM:DCAT:LENG"  
 'reads out the number of subdirectories in the current directory.  
 Response: "3"  
 'there are 3 subdirectories in the current directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**MMEMory:DELeTe** <file\_name>

This command deletes the specified file.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:DEL 'D:\USER\TEST1.SAVRCL'"  
 'deletes the file 'Test1.savrcl' in the USER directory on the internal hard disk.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:LOAD:STATe** 0,<file\_name>

This command loads the specified file stored under the specified name in an internal memory. If 0 is used, the instrument setting of the selected file is set directly in the R&S Vector Signal Generator. The \*RCL command is used to load the immediate instrument setting (see the section "[Common Commands](#)", page 6.3).

If a number other than 0 is used when storing, the instrument setting must be activated using an \*RCL command with this number after the file has been loaded.

**Example:** "MMEM:LOAD:STAT 0, 'D:\user\test1.savrcl'"  
 'loads the file 'Test1.savrcl' in the USER directory of the internal hard disk and activates the associated instrument setting.

"MMEM:STOR:STAT 4, 'D:\user\test4.savrcl'"  
 'stores the file 'Test4.savrcl' in the USER directory of the internal hard disk.

"MMEM:LOAD:STAT 4, 'D:\user\test4.savrcl'"  
 'loads the file 'Test4.savrcl' in the USER directory of the internal hard disk.

"\*RCL 4"  
 'activates the instrument setting of the file 'Test4.savrcl'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:MDIRectory** <directory\_name>

The command creates a new subdirectory in the specified directory. If no directory is specified, a subdirectory is created in the default directory. This command can also be used to create a directory tree.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:MDIR 'carrier'"  
 'creates the subdirectory 'carrier' in the current directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**MMEMory:MOVE** <file\_source>,<file\_destination>

This command renames an existing file if no path is specified for <file\_destination>. Otherwise the file is moved to the specified path and stored under the original file name or, if specified, a new file name. It is also possible to specify the path using another parameter. The command is:

**MMEMory:MOVE** <file\_source><msus\_source>[,<file\_destination>,<msus\_destination>]

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:MOVE 'test1.savrc1', 'keep1.savrc1'"  
'renames the file 'test1.savrc1' as 'keep1.savrc1'.

"MMEM:MOVE 'test1.savrc1', '\smu\_one\keep1.savrc1'"  
'moves the file 'test1.savrc1' to the subdirectory 'smu\_one' and stores it there under the name 'keep1.savrc1'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:MSIS** <msus>

The command sets the drive (or network resource in the case of networks) using <msus> (MSIS = **M**ass **S**torage **I**dentification **S**tring). This setting is effective for all MMEMory commands where the drive is not explicitly specified in the parameter.

**Example:** "MMEM:MSIS 'E: '"  
'selects the memory stick as the default drive.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
D:\	-	Compliant

**MMEMory:RDIRECTory** <directory\_name>

The command deletes the specified subdirectory in the specified directory. If no directory is specified, the subdirectory with the specified name is deleted in the default directory.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:RDIR 'carrier'"  
'deletes the subdirectory 'carrier' in the current directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**MMEMory:STORE:STATe** 0,<file\_name>

This command stores the current instrument setting in the specified file. If 0 is specified, the current instrument setting is stored directly in the specified file. The intermediate instrument settings can be stored using the \*SAV command (see the section "[Common Commands](#)", page 6.3).

If a number other than 0 is specified, the instrument setting must first be stored in an internal memory with the same number using the common command \*SAV.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:STOR:STAT 0, 'D:\USER\TEST1.ss'"  
'stores the current instrument setting in the file 'test1.ss' in the USER directory on the internal hard disk.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

# OUTPut Subsystem

The OUTPut system contains the commands which set the properties of the RF output connectors and USER connectors. The properties of the LF output connector are set in the SOURce:LFOuTput system. In two-path instruments with a second RF path (option R&S SMATE-B20x), the properties can be set separately and independently for the two RF outputs A and B. The suffix under SOURce distinguishes the outputs:

OUTPut[1] = RF output A

OUTPut2 = RF output B

Commands `OUTPut:BLANk:POLarity` and `OUTPut:USER<1...4>:SOURce` affect the setting of the USER connectors and are without suffix in the OUTPut keyword.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
OUTPut:ALL[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
OUTPut<[1]2>:AFIXed:RANGe:LOWer?		dBm	Query only
OUTPut<[1]2>:AFIXed:RANGe:UPPer?		dBm	Query only
OUTPut<[1]2>:AMODE	AUTO   FIXed   NORMal		
OUTPut<[1]2>:BLANk:LIST:STATe	ON   OFF		
OUTPut:BLANk:POLarity	NORMal   INVerted		
OUTPut<[1]2>:IMPedance		Ohm	Query only
OUTPut<[1]2>:PROTection:CLEar			No query
OUTPut<[1]2>:PROTection:STATe	ON   OFF		
OUTPut<[1]2>:PROTection:TRIPped?			Query only
OUTPut<[1]2>:STATe]	ON   OFF		
OUTPut<[1]2>:[STATe]:PON OUTPut:USER<1...4>:SOURce	OFF   UNCHanged AMARk4   BMARK4   ABLank   BBLank   AHOP   BHOP   ACW   BCW   BBITclock   BBURst   ATRig   BTRig   BSYMbolclock   BATTenuator		

## OUTPut:ALL[:STATe] ON | OFF

The command switches on or off all RF output signals of the instrument.

The numerical suffix under OUTPut is irrelevant.

**Example:** "OUTP:ALL OFF"  
'switches off all RF output signals.'

*RST Value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

## OUTPut<[1]2>:AFIXed:RANGe:LOWer?

The command queries the minimum level which can be set without the attenuator being adjusted (Attenuator FIXed).

The command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "OUTP:AFIX:RANG:LOW?"  
'queries the minimum level for the FIXed setting.'

Response: "-50"  
'the minimum level is -50 dBm.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific



**OUTPut<[1]|2>:AFIXed:RANGe:UPPer?**

The command queries the maximum level which can be set without the attenuator being adjusted (Attenuator FIXed).

The command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           ":OUTP:AFIX:RANG:UPP?"  
                  'queries the maximum level for the FIXed setting for the RF output.

Response:"-27"  
              'the maximum level is -27 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:AMODE AUTO | FIXed | NORMAl | HPOWer**

The command switches the mode of the attenuator at the RF output (Attenuator MODE).

**Parameters:**       **AUTO**

The electronically switching attenuator switches with a 5 dB step width at fixed switching points.

**With option High Power:** The level settings are made in the area of the electronically switching attenuator as well as the relay-switched option. The entire level range is available.

**FIXed**

The attenuator is fixed at the current position. The uninterrupted level settings are made if automatic level control is activated (SOURce:POWer:ALC ON).

**With option High Power:** The level settings are made without switching the high-power output option. When this operating mode is switched on, the option are fixed in their current positions and the resulting variation range is defined.

**NORMAl**

**With Option High Power only:** The level settings are made only in the area of the electronically switching attenuator. The high level ranges are not available.

**HPOWer**

**With Option High Power only:** The level settings are made only in the area of the option. Only the high level range is available. The relays are not switched.

**Example:**           ":POW:ALC ON"  
                  'activates automatic level control for RF output A.  
  
                  ":POW:ALC ON"  
                  'activates automatic level control for RF output.  
  
                  "OUTP:AMOD FIX"  
                  'sets the fixed mode with uninterrupted level for RF output A.  
  
                  "OUTP:AMOD FIX"  
                  'sets the fixed mode with uninterrupted level for RF output

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Device-specific

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:BLANK:LIST:STATe ON |OFF**

The command activates/deactivates RF output blanking.

The command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "OUTP:BLAN:LIST:STAT ON  
'activates the RF Output blanking.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON	-	Device-specific

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:BLANK:POLarity NORMal | INVerted**

The command sets the polarity of the No Signal (Blank) Marker.

**Example:** "OUTP:BLAN:POL NORM"  
'causes the No Signal state (settling process in List mode) to be displayed as a result of the high output voltage (HIGH).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NORMal	-	Device-specific

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:IMPedance**

The command queries the impedance of the RF outputs. This permits converting the output level between units V and W. The impedances cannot be changed.

The command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** ":OUTP:IMP?"  
'queries the impedance of RF output.

Response: "50"  
'the impedance is 50 ohms

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:PROTection:CLEAr**

The command resets the protective circuit after it has been tripped. The state of the output is again determined by OUTPut:STATe.

If the options R&S SMATE-B30 (Path A) and R&S SMATE-B25 (Path B) (Overvoltage Protection) are installed for each RF output of the 2.2 and 3 GHz models of the R&S Vector Signal Generator, the outputs are protected by a protective circuit which deactivates the output in the case of an externally applied overvoltage. This does not change the value of OUTPut:STATe.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no reset value.

**Example:** "OUTP:PROT:CLE"  
'resets the protective circuit for RF output A.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:PROTection:STATe ON | OFF**

The command attenuates the RF output signal for about 40 dB to protect external devices against internal signals.

**Example:** "OUTP:PROT:STAT ON"  
'attenuates the RF Output signal for about 40 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Compliant

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:PROTection:TRIPped?**

The command queries the state of the protective circuit.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no reset value.

**Example:** "OUTP:PROT:TRIP?"  
'queries the state of the protective circuit for RF output A.

Response:"0"  
'the protective circuit has not tripped.

Response:"1"  
'the protective circuit has tripped.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:[STATe] ON | OFF**

This command activates and deactivates the RF output.

**Example:** ":OUTP OFF"  
'deactivates the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**OUTPut<[1]|2>:[STATe:]PON OFF | UNCHanged**

This command selects the state which the RF output assumes when the instrument is switched on.

The command is an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Parameters:** **OFF**  
The output is deactivated when the instrument is switched on.

**UNCHanged**  
When the instrument is switched on, the output remains in the same state as it was when the instrument was switched off.

**Example:** "OUTP:PON OFF"  
'RF output A is deactivated when the instrument is switched on.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**OUTPut:USER<1...4>:SOURce AMARk4 | BMARK4 | ABLank | BBLank | AHOP | BHOP | ACW | BCW | BBITclock | BSYMBOLclock | BATTenuator | BBURst | ATRig | BTRig**

The command selects the signal for the specified USER interface.

In case of two-path instruments, the numerical suffix under OUTPut is irrelevant for this command since the USER interfaces are not assigned to any particular path. Some signals which can be applied at the USER interface are permanently assigned (e.g. LEV-ATT control signal of Path B), and some are assigned using a dedicated command (e.g. `OUTP:CW:SOURce` for the CW control signal).

- Example:**
- "`OUTP:USER2 BSYM`"  
'causes the internally generated clock signal of Path B to be output at the USER2 pin of the AUX I/O interface.
  - "`OUTP:CLOC:MODE SYMB`"  
'specifies that the internally generated clock pulse is a symbol clock pulse.
  - "`OUTP:CLOC:STAT ON`"  
'activates output of the symbol clock pulse at the USER2 pin.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
USER1 = AMARker4 USER2 = ACW USER3 = ABLank USER4 = ATRig	-	Device-specific

## SENSe and READ Subsystem

The SENSe subsystem contains the commands for configuring the power measurements with power sensor(s) connected to the generator. The measurement is started and the measurement result retrieved with the READ command. The description of this command is included in the following.

In case of two-path instruments, up to three sensors can be connected to the signal generator. They are distinguished by means of the suffix under SENSe:

Power sensor connected to the SENSOR port = SENSe[1]

First Power sensor connected to the USB interface = SENSe 2

Second Power sensor connected to the USB interface = SENSe 3

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
READ<[1]...3>[:POWer]			Query only
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:FILTer:LENGth	1 ...65536		
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:FILTer:SONCe			No query
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:FILTer:TYPE	AUTO   USER		
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:FREQuency	<frequency>	Hz	Range depends on used sensor
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:SNUMber			Query only
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:SOURce	A   B   USER		
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:STATus:DEVIce]			Query only
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:TYPE			Query only
SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:ZERO			No Query
SENSe<[1]...3>:UNIT[:POWer]	DBM   DBUV   WATT	DBM	No query

### READ<[1]...3>[POWer]?

The command retrieves the power measurement result (in case of two-path instruments, of the selected power sensor). The value is provided with the unit set with command `SENSe:UNIT[:POWer]`.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** `SENSe:UNIT DBM`  
'selects unit dBm for presentation of measurement result.

`READ?`  
'queries the measurement result.

Response: `-45.6`  
'-45.6 dBm were measured at the given frequency.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWER]:FILTer:LENGth 1 ... 65536**

The command selects the filter length for user filter mode (:SENSe:POWer:FILTer:TYPE USER). As the filter length works as a multiplier for the time window, a constant filter length results in a constant measurement time. Values 1 and  $2^n$  are settable. In remote control, when using command READ to retrieve the measurement result, the time window is fixed to 20 ms.

**Example:**       SENS:FILT:TYPE USER  
                      'selects user filter mode.

                      SENS:FILT:LENG 16  
                      'sets a filter length of 16. The resulting measurement time is 640 ms (2x16x20 ms).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWER]:FILTer:SONCe**

The command activates the search for the optimum filter length for the current measurement conditions. The found filter length can be retrieved with command :SENSe:POWer:FILTer:LENGth?.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**       SENS:FILT:SONC  
                      'activates the search for the optimum filter length.

                      SENS:FILT:LENG?  
                      'returns the found optimum filter length.

                      Response: 128

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWER]:FILTer:TYPE AUTO | USER**

The command selects the filter mode. The filter length is the multiplier for the time window and thus directly influences the measurement time.

**Parameters:**   **AUTO**  
                      The filter length is automatically selected depending on the measured value. For high values, a short filter length is selected and for low values a long filter length is selected.

**USER**  
                      The filter length is set manually. As the filter length works as a multiplier for the measurement time, this results in a constant measurement time.

**Example:**       SENS:FILT:TYPE AUTO  
                      'selects automatic filter selection.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:FREQUency <frequency>**

The command sets the RF frequency of the source if the user source is selected  
(SENSe[:POWer]:SOURce USER.

**Example:**       SENS:SOUR USER  
                      'selects user-defined source.

                      SENS:FREQ 2.44 GHz"  
                      'enters the RF frequency of the source which is 2.44 GHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 GHz	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:SNUMber?**

The command queries the serial number of the sensor.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**       "SENS:SNUM?"  
                      'queries the serial number.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:SOURce A | B | USER**

The command selects the signal source for the measurement. In case of two-path instruments, the RF signal of path A or path B or a user defined source can be selected.

**Example:**       SENS:SOUR A  
                      'selects the RF signal. The frequency is set to the selected RF frequency.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
A	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:STATus[:DEVice]?**

The command queries if a sensor is connected (in case of two-path instruments, at the selected port) to the signal generator.

In case of two-path instruments, the sensor is selected by suffix **1**, **2** or **3** in key word SENSE or READ of the command header. Suffix 1 denotes the sensor connected to the SENSOR connector, suffix 2 the sensor connected first to one of the USB interfaces and suffix 3 the sensor connected second to one of the USB interfaces.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**       SENS:STAT?  
                      'queries if a sensor is connected to the POWER SENSOR interface.

Response: 1  
                      'a sensor is connected to the POWER SENSOR interface.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:TYPE?**

The command queries the type of sensor (in case of two-path instruments, the sensor connected at the selected port is queried). The type is automatically detected.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SENS : TYPE?"  
                      'queries the type of sensor connected to the POWER SENSOR connector.

Response: NRP-Z21  
           'the R&S NRP-Z21 sensor is used.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>[:POWer]:ZERO**

The command activates the autozero function. Zeroing is required in regular interval (at least once a day) and if the temperature has varied more than about 5 °C, if the sensor has been replaced or if measurements of signals with very low power are to be performed. The sensor must be disconnected from all power sources before starting the autozero function.

The command is an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           SENS : ZERO  
                      'activates autozero function.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific

**SENSe<[1]...3>:UNIT[:POWer] DBM | DBUV | WATT**

The command selects the unit used for result query with command READ. The power sensor provides the measured value in Watt. In which unit the measured value is returned is selected here and might be either Watt, dBm or dBuV.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SENS : UNIT DBM"  
                      'selects unit dBm for the measured value returned by command READ.

Response: 7.34  
           '7.34 dBm are measured by sensor 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device specific



## SOURce Subsystem

The SOURce subsystem contains the commands for configuring the digital and analog signals. In the case of two-path channels, the suffix 2 identifies the signals of Path B under SOURce:

Path A = SOURce[1]

Path B = SOURce 2

LF output = SOURce:LFOutput

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for Path A and the LF output and can be omitted. For Path B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

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### Note:

*With the R&S SMIQ generator family, the LF signal source is selected using the numerical suffix 2 under SOURce. With the R&S SMU generator family, however, SOURce2 selects RF output B. The two instrument families are therefore incompatible with respect to actuation of the LF generator.*

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## SOURce:AM Subsystem

The AM subsystem contains the commands for checking the amplitude modulation and also the broadband amplitude modulation. The settings for the internal modulation source (LF generator) are made in the SOURce:LFOutput subsystem.

In the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, the amplitude modulation can be set separately and independently for the two RF outputs. The suffix under SOURce distinguishes the outputs:

SOURce[1] = RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]AM:BBANd:SENSitivity?			Query only
[SOURce:]AM:BBANd:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]AM[:DEPT]h]	0...100 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]AM:EXTernal:COUPling	AC   DC		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]AM:SENSitivity?			Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]AM:SOURce	EXT   INT   INT, EXT		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]AM:STATe	ON   OFF		

**[SOURce:]AM:BBANd:SENSitivity?**

The command queries the input sensitivity in V/100% modulation depth.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value. For two-path instruments, broadband amplitude modulation is only possible for Path A.

**Example:** "AM:BBAN:SENS?"  
'queries the input sensitivity for the BB-AM modulation signal at the I input.

Response: "0.25"  
'the input sensitivity is 0.25 V / 100 % depth.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**[SOURce:]AM:BBANd[:STATe] ON | OFF**

The command activates/deactivates the broadband amplitude modulation. It is not possible to set a modulation depth for BB-AM. The modulation input is the I IN connector. For two-path instruments, broadband amplitude modulation is only possible for Path A.

Activation of broadband amplitude modulation deactivates AM, ARB, I/Q modulation, digital modulation and all digital standards.

**Example:** "AM:BBAN ON"  
'activates BB-AM modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
OFF	-	AM:BBAN ON deactivates BB-AM, ARB, I/Q modulation, DM and all digital standards.	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AM[:DEPTh] 0 ... 100 PCT**

The command sets the modulation depth of the amplitude modulation in percent. The modulation depth is limited by the maximum peak envelope power (PEP).

**Example:** "AM 15PCT"  
'sets the AM modulation depth to 15 percent.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
30 PCT	See data sheet	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AM:EXTernal:COUPling AC | DC**

The command selects the coupling mode for the external modulation input (EXT MOD) in the case of amplitude modulation.

**Parameters:** **AC**  
The DC voltage component is disconnected from the modulation signal.

**DC**  
The modulation signal is not changed.

**Example:** "AM:EXT:COUP AC"  
'selects the coupling mode AC for external amplitude modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AC	-	Compliant

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]AM:SENSitivity?**

The command queries the input sensitivity of the EXT MOD input in %/V. The command is only effective if the external modulation source is selected (SOURCE:AM:SOUR EXT). The returned value depends on the modulation depth setting (SOURCE:AM:DEPTH). This value is assigned to the voltage value for full modulation of the input.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "AM:DEPT 50"  
 'sets a modulation depth of 50 %.

"AM:SENS?"  
 'queries the input sensitivity at the EXT MOD input.

Response: "50"  
 'since the voltage value for full modulation is 1V, the resulting sensitivity is precisely 50%/V.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]AM:SOURce EXT | INT | INT,EXT**

The command selects the modulation source for amplitude modulation. INT is the LF generator. The frequency of the internal modulation signal can be set in the SOURCE:LFOutput subsystem. The external signal is input at the EXT MOD connector. Internal and external modulation source can be selected at the same time.

**Example:** "AM:SOUR INT"  
 'selects the internal modulation source.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Compliant

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]AM:STATe ON | OFF**

The command activates/deactivates amplitude modulation.

Activation of amplitude modulation deactivates BB-AM, ARB, I/Q modulation, digital modulation and all digital standards.

**Example:** "AM:STAT ON"  
 'activates AM modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
OFF	-	AM ON deactivates BB-AM, ARB, I/Q modulation, DM and all digital standards.	Compliant

## SOURce:AWGN Subsystem

The Source:AWGN subsystem contains the commands for setting the noise generator.

In the case of two-path instruments, the numerical suffix under SOURce distinguishes between noise generation in Path A and Path B.

[SOURce<1>] = Path A

:SOURce2 = Path B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for Path A and can be omitted. For Path B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:BRATe	400... 250E6 bps		
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:BWIDth	1kHz .. 80 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:BWIDth:NOISe?			Query only
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:BWIDth:RATio	1 ... 80 000		
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:CNRatio	-30dB..+30dB	dB	
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:ENRatio	<numeric_value>	dB	
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:FREQuency:RESult			Query only
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:FREQuency:TARGet	0 ... 50 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:MODE	ADD   ONLY   CW		
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:CARRier	<numeric_value>	dBm	
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:MODE	CN   EN		
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:NOISe	<numeric_value>	dBm	
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:NOISe:TOTal			Query only
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:RMODE	CARRier   NOISe		
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:SUM?		dBm	Query only
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:POWer:SUM:PEP?		dBm	Query only
[SOURce<1>]:AWGN:STATe	ON   OFF		

### [SOURce<1>]:AWGN:BRATe 400... 250E6 bps

This command sets the bit rate which is used for calculation of bit energy to noise power ratio from carrier/noise ratio for **Digital Standard** signals. For **Custom Digital Mod** signals, the bit rate which is used for calculation can be queried with this command. Valid units are bps, kbps and mabps as well as b/s, kb/s and mab/s.

**Example:**

"AWGN:BRAT?"

'queries the bit rate which is used for calculation of the  $E_b/N_0$  value from the C/N value.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
100 kbps	0.001 bps	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:BWIDth 1 kHz ... 80 MHz**

This command sets the system bandwidth. The noise signal at the level which corresponds to the specified carrier/noise ratio is generated in the bandwidth specified here.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **Noise Only** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|ONLY).

**Example:** "AWGN:BWID 10 MHz"  
'sets a system bandwidth of 10 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
3.84 MHz	0.1 kHz	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:BWIDth:NOISe?**

This command queries the real noise bandwidth.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **Noise Only** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|ONLY). The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "AWGN:BWID:NOIS?"  
'queries the noise bandwidth.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:BWIDth:RATio 1.0 ... 80 000.0**

This command sets the ratio of minimum real noise bandwidth to system bandwidth. The overall bandwidth "System BW x Minimum Noise/System BW Ratio" may not exceed 80 MHz. Therefore, the available value range depends on the selected system bandwidth.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **Noise Only** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|ONLY).

**Example:** "AWGN:BWID:RAT 2"  
'sets a minimum noise/system bandwidth ratio of 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1	0.1	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:CNRatio -40 dB ... +30 dB**

This command sets the carrier/interferer ratio. The value range depends on the selected AWGN mode (AWGN:MODE ADD|ONLY|CW).

With **Reference Mode Carrier** (AWGN:POW:RMODE CARRIER) the noise level is adjusted to the set C/N ratio and the carrier level is kept constant.

With **Reference Mode Carrier** (AWGN:POW:RMODE NOISE) the carrier level is adjusted to the set C/N ratio and the noise level is kept constant.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **CW Interferer** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|CW).

**Example:** "AWGN:CNR 10"  
'sets a carrier/noise ratio of 10 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.001 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:ENRatio -30 dB ... +30 dB**

This command sets the ratio of bit energy to noise power density in **Additive Noise** mode. Depending on the selected reference mode either the noise level (:AWGN:POW:RMODE NOISE) or the carrier level (AWGN:POW:RMODE CARRIER) is adjusted to the set  $E_b/N_0$  ratio.

With **Reference Mode Carrier** (AWGN:POW:RMODE CARRIER) the noise level is adjusted to the set  $E_b/N_0$  ratio and the carrier level is kept constant.

With **Reference Mode Noise** (AWGN:POW:RMODE NOISE) the carrier level is adjusted to the set  $E_b/N_0$  ratio and the noise level is kept constant.

For **Digital Standard** signals, the bit rate used for calculation of  $E_b/N_0$  value from C/N value can be entered with command SOUR:AWGN:BRAT.

For **Custom Digital Mod** signals the bit rate used for calculation of  $E_b/N_0$  value from C/N value is determined by the selected standard (SOURce:BB:DM:STANDARD) and cannot be changed.

**Example:** "AWGN:ENR 10"  
'sets a ratio of bit energy to noise power density of 10 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.001 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:FREQUENCY:RESulting**

This command queries the actual frequency of the sine in the **CW Interferer** mode. The actual frequency may differ from the desired frequency, since the resolution is limited to 0.7 Hz.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "AWGN:FREQ:RES?"  
'queries the actual frequency of the interfering sine.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:FREQUENCY:TARGet 0 Hz ... +50 MHz**

This command sets the desired frequency of the sine in **CW Interferer** mode (AWGN:MODE CW). The resulting frequency may differ from the desired frequency because of the limited frequency resolution of 0.7 Hz.

**Example:** "AWGN:FREQ:TARG 2kHz"  
'sets a frequency of 2 kHz for the interfering sine.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 Hz	0.07 Hz	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]AWGN:MODE ADD | ONLY | CW**

This command selects the mode for generating the interfering signal.

**Parameters:** **ADD**  
The AWGN noise signal is added to the baseband signal.

**ONLY**  
The pure AWGN noise signal is modulated to the carrier. The connection to the baseband is interrupted.^

**CW**

The sine interfering signal is added to the baseband signal.

**Example:** "AWGN:MODE ONLY"  
'activates the generation of a pure noise.  
"AWGN:STAT ON"  
'switches on the generation of a pure noise.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ADD	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWER:CARRIER -145 dBm...30 dBm

This command either sets or queries the carrier level depending on the selected reference mode.

With **Reference Mode Carrier** (SOUR:AWGN:POW:RMODE CARR), the command sets the carrier level. The level of the noise signal is derived from the entered C/N value.

With **Reference Mode Noise** (SOUR:AWGN:POW:RMODE NOIS), the command queries the carrier level which is derived from the entered C/N value. The noise level is set with command SOUR:AWGN:POW:NOISe.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **CW Interferer** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|CW).

**Example:** "SOUR:AWGN:POW:CARR 10 dBm"  
'sets a carrier level of 10 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
- 30 dBm	0.01 dBm	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWER:MODE CN | EN

This command selects the mode for setting the noise level.

This command is available for mode **Additive Noise** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD).

**Parameters:** **CN**  
The noise level is set on the basis of the value entered for the carrier/noise ratio (SOUR:AWGN:CNR).

**EN**  
The noise level is set on the basis of the value entered for the ratio of bit energy to noise power density (SOUR:AWGN:ENR).

**Example:** "SOUR:AWGN:POW:MODE CN"  
'the noise level is set on the basis of the value entered for the carrier/noise ratio (SOUR:AWGN:CNR).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
CN		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWer:NOISe -145 dBm...30 dBm

This command sets or queries the noise level in the system bandwidth depending on the selected modes:

**Additive Noise and CW Interferer mode** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|CW):

With **Reference Mode Carrier** (SOUR:AWGN:POW:RMOD CARR), the command queries the noise level which is derived from the entered C/N value. The carrier level is set with command SOUR:AWGN:POW:CARRier.

With **Reference Mode Noise** (SOUR:AWGN:POW:RMOD NOIS), the command sets the noise level. The level of the carrier signal is derived from the entered C/N value.

**Noise Only mode**

The command sets the noise level.

**Example:** "SOUR:AWGN:POW:NOIS?"  
'queries the noise level in the system bandwidth.

Response: "10"  
'the noise level in the system bandwidth is 10 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
- 30 dBm	0.01 dBm	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWer:NOISe:TOTal?

This command queries the noise level in the total bandwidth.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SOUR:AWGN:POW:NOIS:TOT?"  
'queries the noise level in the total bandwidth.

Response: "15"  
'the noise level in the total bandwidth is 15 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWer:RMODe CARRier | NOISe

This command selects the mode for setting the interfering signal.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **CW Interferer** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|CW).

**Parameters:** **CARRier**  
The carrier level is kept constant when the C/N value or Eb/N<sub>0</sub> value is changed. The noise level is adjusted.

**NOISe**  
The noise level is kept constant when the C/N value or Eb/N<sub>0</sub> value is changed. The carrier level is adjusted.

**Example:** "AWGN:MODE ADD"  
'selects **Additive Noise** mode.  
"AWGN:POW:RMOD NOIS"  
'selects **Reference Mode Noise**. The noise level is kept constant when the C/N value or Eb/N<sub>0</sub> value is changed. The carrier level is adjusted.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
CARRier		Device-specific



**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWer:SUM?**

This command queries the overall level of the noise signal plus useful signal.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **CW Interferer** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|CW). The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SOUR:AWGN:POW:SUM?"  
'queries the overall level of the noise signal plus useful signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:POWer:SUM:PEP?**

This command queries the peak envelope power of the overall signal comprised of noise signal plus useful signal.

This command is available for modes **Additive Noise** and **CW Interferer** (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD|CW). The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SOUR:AWGN:POW:SUM:PEP?"  
'queries the peak envelope power of the overall signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]AWGN:STATe ON | OFF**

This command activates or deactivates the white noise (AWGN = Averaged White Gaussian Noise). The noise signal is either superimposed on the baseband signal (**Additive Noise** mode (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ADD)) or is output as a pure noise signal (**Noise Only** mode (SOUR:AWGN:MODE ONLY)). In addition, a sine with adjustable frequency offset to the baseband signal can be generated as an RFI signal (**CW Interferer** mode; SOUR:AWGN:MODE CW).

**Example:** "AWGN:STAT ON"  
'activates the RFI signal generator.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

# SOURce-BB-MEASurement Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for measuring the level values of the digital baseband signal.

**Note:**

Monitoring the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal requires the baseboard version "DacBoard 1141.8190.02" or higher. Up to baseboard version DacBoard 1141.8090.xx only the calculated signal levels are provided.

The currently equipped DacBoard is listed in the dialog **Setup System Hardware Config**, section **Baseband Assembly**.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between the signal for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

SOURce[1] = Path A

SOURce2 = path B

The keyword SOURce is optional in the case of commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B the command must contain the keyword with suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement:CFACtor?		dB	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement:DURation		"hh:mm:ss"	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement:POWer:PEAK?		dBfs	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement:POWer:RMS?		dBfs	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement:RTIME?		"hh:mm:ss"	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement:SOURce	BB   BAWGn		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MEASurement[:STATe]	ON   OFF   1   0		

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:CFACtor?:**

This command indicates the crest factor of the baseband signal during measurement.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:MEAS:CFAC?"  
'queries the measured crest factor of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:DURation 1 s ... 3 h**

This command sets the time for the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal in the range of 1 s ... 3 h. The time is to be entered in format "hh:mm:ss".

**Example:** "BB:MEAS:DUR "00:15:30""  
'sets the measurement duration to 15 minutes and 30 seconds.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 s	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:POWer:PEAK?:**

This command indicates the peak level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale) during measurement.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "BB:MEAS:POW:PEAK?"  
                          'queries the peak level of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:POWer:RMS?:**

This command indicates the rms level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale) during measurement.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "BB:MEAS:POW:RMS?"  
                          'queries the rms level of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:RTIME?:**

This command indicates the remaining time until the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal is completed. The time is displayed in format "hh:mm:ss".

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "BB:MEAS:RTIM?"  
                          'queries the remaining measurement duration.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:SOURce BB | BAWGn**

This command selects the signal source for the measurement. The signal level and crest factor can be retrieved either from the interference-free digital I/Q baseband signal or the signal superimposed by the noise generator AWGN.

**Parameters:**       **BB (Baseband Signal without AWGN)**  
                          Selects the measurement of the interference-free baseband signal.

**BAWGn (Baseband with AWGN)**  
                          Selects the measurement of the baseband signal after an AWGN noise signal is added.

**Example:**           "BB:MEAS:SOURC BAWG"  
                          'selects the measurement of the digital baseband signal interfered with a noise signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
BB	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MEASurement:STATe ON | OFF**

Activates/deactivates the measurement of the digital I/Q baseband signal.

When activated, information on the peak level, rms level and crest factor are indicated. Additionally the duration of the measurement can be set.

**Example:**           "BB:MEAS:STAT ON"  
                          'starts measuring the real level values of the digital I/Q baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

## SOURce-BB-POWER Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for retrieving the level values of the digital baseband signal.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between the signal for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

SOURce[1] = Path A

SOURce2 = path B

The keyword SOURce is optional in the case of commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B the command must contain the keyword with suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:CFACTOR		dB	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:POWer:PEAK		dBfs	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:POWer:RMS		dBfs	Query only

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:CFACTOR?**

This command queries the crest factor of the baseband signal.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "BB:CFACTOR?"  
                          'queries the crest factor of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:POWer:PEAK?**

This command queries the peak level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale).

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:POW:PEAK?"  
'queries the peak level of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:POWer:RMS?**

This command queries the rms level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale).

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:POW:RMS?"  
'queries the rms level of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

# SOURce:BB Subsystem

This subsystem contains all commands for digital signal generation. It is divided into several subsystems which are described separately.

The following section describes the commands for setting the frequency shift and the phase offset for the signal at the **Baseband** block output and, in case of two-path instruments, the signal routing.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between the signal for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

SOURce<1> = path A

SOURce2 = path B

For two-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional in the case of commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B the command must contain the keyword with suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

In this section, all commands for setting or querying the characteristics of the instruments are described.

Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:FOFFset	<numeric_value>	Hz	
[SOURce:]BB:PATH:COUNT			
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:PGAin	<numeric_value>	dB	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:POFFset	<numeric_value>	RAD	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ROUTE	A   B   AB		

## [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:FOFFset <numeric\_value>

The command sets the frequency offset for the baseband signal. The offset affects the signal on the **baseband block** output. It shifts the useful baseband signal in the center frequency.

**Note:**

*It is not possible to enter a frequency offset if a waveform with a sample rate of exactly 100 MHz is introduced. A signal of this nature is not routed via the resampler in which the frequency shift takes place. This type of entry is also prohibited if the noise generator (AWGN block) is on.*

The complex I/Q bandwidth of the useful signal must not exceed 80 MHz in total. The following applies:

$$f_{offset} - \frac{f_{use}}{2} \geq -40\text{MHz} \quad \text{and} \quad f_{offset} + \frac{f_{use}}{2} \leq +40\text{MHz}$$

f<sub>use</sub> = the complex useful bandwidth of the I/Q signal before the offset.

f<sub>offset</sub> = frequency offset.

**Example:** "BB:FOFF 2MHZ"  
'sets a frequency offset of 2 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 Hz	0.01 Hz	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]BB:PATH:COUNT?**

The command queries the number of installed baseband paths.

This command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:PATH:CONT?"  
'queries the number of baseband paths.

Response: "1"  
'the instrument is equipped with one baseband path.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:PGAin <numeric\_value>****Note:**

*This command is available for two-path instruments only.*

The command sets the relative path gain for the selected baseband signal compared to the baseband signals of the other baseband sources (second path or external baseband). The gain affects the signal on the **baseband block** output.

**Example:** "BB:PGA 3dB"  
'sets a relative path gain of 3 dB for the baseband signal of path A compared to the baseband signal of path B.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.1 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:POFFset <numeric\_value>****Note:**

*This command is available for two-path instruments only.*

The command sets the relative phase offset for the selected baseband signal compared to the baseband signals of the other baseband sources (second path or external baseband). The gain affects the signal on the **baseband block** output.

**Example:** "BB:POFF 0.5DEG"  
'sets a relative phase offset of 0.5 DEG for the baseband signal of path A compared to the baseband signal of path B.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.1 DEG	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ROUTe A | B | AB**

**Note:**

*This command is available for two-path instruments only.*

The command selects the signal route for the baseband signal of a two-path instrument.

**Parameter:**

**A**

The baseband signal is introduced into path A. The signals from both paths are summed if necessary.

**B**

The baseband signal is introduced into path B. The signals from both paths are summed if necessary.

**AB**

The baseband signal is introduced into path A and path B. The signals from both paths are summed if necessary.

**Example:**

"SOUR2:BB:ROUT A"

'the baseband signal of path B is introduced into path A.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
A	-	Device-specific



# SOURce:BB:ARB Subsystem

## Introduction - ARB Remote-Control Commands

### Note:

The ARB subsystem is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only. For R&S WinIQSIM2, the commands regarding the ARB:MCARRier (multi carrier) and ARB:WSEgment (multi segment) are available.

The ARB subsystem contains the commands for setting the ARB Generator.

Settings for clock and trigger interfaces and for external outputs are entered in the SOURce:INPut and SOURce:OUTPut subsystems.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between signal output for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

SOURce[1] = path A

SOURce2 = path B

For two-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional with commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B, the command must include the keyword with the suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Section "[R&S Signal Generator Waveform and List Format](#)", page 6.79 describes the ARB waveform format and how it is used to transmit waveforms via the IEC bus.

## Table of Commands - ARB

Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:CLOCK	400 Hz ... 100 MHz	-	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:CLOCK:MODE	SAMPlE   MSAMPlE		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:CLOCK:MULTIplier	1 ... 64		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:CLOCK:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier:COUNT	1 ... 32	-	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier<0...31>:DELay	-1s ... +1s	s	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier<0...31>:FILE	'file name'		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier<0...31>:PHASe	0° ... 360°	RAD	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier<0...31>:POWer	-80... 0 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier:SPACing	0 Hz...50 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CARRier<0...31>:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CFACTor:MODE	OFF   MAX   MIN		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CLoad			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CLOCK			Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:CREate			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:EDIT:CARRier:DELay[:START]	-1s ... +1s	s	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:EDIT:CARRier:DELay[:STEP]	-1s ... +1s	s	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:EDIT:CARRier:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:ARB:MCARRier:EDIT:CARRier:FILE	'file name'		

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:PHASe[:START]	0...360DEG	RAD	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:PHASe:STEP	-360...360DEG	RAD	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:POWEr[:STARt]	-80 ... 0 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:POWEr:STEP	-80 ... 80 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:STARt	<carrier_index>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:STOP	<carrier_index>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:OFILe	<file_name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:PRESet	-		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SAMPles		sample	Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SETTing:CATalog			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SETTing:LOAD	<file_name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SETTing:STORe	<file_name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:TIME		s	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:TIME:MODE	LONG   SHORT   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:PRESet			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:SEQuence	AUTO / RETRigger / AAUTO / ARETrigger		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:ARM:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger[:EXTernal<[1]>]:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger[:EXTernal<[1]>]:INHibit	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OBASeband:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OBASeband:INHibit	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>20</sup> -1 Samples		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MAX			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MIN?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:MODE	UNChanged   REStArt   PULSe   PATtern   RATio		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:OFFTime	1 ... max_wavelength -1 samples		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:ONTime	1 ... max_wavelength -1 samples		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PATtern	#B0,1 ... #B111...1,32		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:DIVider	2...2 <sup>10</sup>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:FREQ			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:RMODE			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SLENgth	1 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SLUNit	SAMPle   SEQuence		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SMODE	SAME   NEXT   NSEAm		Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal   BEXTernal   OBASeband		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:FREQuency	100 Hz ... 25 MHz	HZ	

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:PHASe	-180.00 Deg ... + 180.00 Deg	RAD	
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:SAMPlE	3 ... 1000 samples per period		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:CATalog:LENGth?			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:DATA	<file_name>[,<block> <tag>]		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:DATA?	<file_name>, <tag>		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:DELeTe	<name_of_waveform _file>		No query
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:FREE			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:POINts			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:SELeCt	<name_of_waveform _file>		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:TAG?	'comment'   'copyright'   'date'   'lacpfilter'   'marker name'   'poweroffset'		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CLOAd			No query
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:CATalog			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:CLOCK	max Sample Rate ... 100 MHz		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:CLOCK:MODE	UNCHanged   HIGHest   USER		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:COMMeNt	<string>		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:DELeTe			No query
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:LEVeL[:MODE]	UNCHanged   ERMS		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:OFILe	<file_name>		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:SEGMeNt:APPend	<file_name>		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:SEGMeNt:CATalog			Query only
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:SELeCt	<file_name>		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CREate			No query
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:NEXT	1 ... 1999		
[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:STATe	ON   OFF		

### [SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:CLOCK <numeric\_value>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the clock rate in samples. Loading a waveform sets the clock rate that is defined in the waveform tag 'clock'. The command subsequently changes the clock rate; see data sheet for value range.

In the case of an external clock source (selection ARB:CLOCK:SOURCE EXTERNAL) the clock for the external source must be entered with this command.

**Example:**

```
"BB:ARB:CLOCK:SOURCE INT"
```

'selects the internal clock source for generating waveforms.

```
"BB:ARB:CLOCK 0.5 MHz"
```

'sets the clock rate to 0.5 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependency	SCPI
1 MHz	0.001 Hz	Loading a waveform (ARB:WAV:SEL <name>) automatically sets the clock rate to the allocated value.	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>]:]BB:ARB:CLOCK:MODE SAMPlE | MSAMPlE

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command enters the type of externally supplied clock (:BB:ARB:CLOCK:SOURce EXTERNAL). When MSAMPlE is used, a multiple of the sample clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector and the sample clock is derived internally from this. The multiplier is entered with the command :BB:ARB:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER.

For two-path instruments, the only numerical suffix allowed for SOURce is 1, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:CLOC:MODE SAMP"  
'selects clock type **Sample**, i.e. the supplied clock is a sample clock.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SAMPle	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>]:]BB:ARB:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER 1 ... 64

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command specifies the multiplier for clock type **Multiple Samples** (:BB:ARB:CLOCK:MODE MSAM) in the case of an external clock source.

For two-path instruments, the only numerical suffix allowed for SOURce is 1, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:CLOC:SOUR EXT"  
'selects the external clock source. The clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.

"BB:ARB:CLOC:MODE MSAM"  
'selects clock type **Multiple Samples**, i.e. the supplied clock has a rate which is a multiple of the sample rate.

"BB:ARB:CLOC:MULT 12"  
'the multiplier for the external clock rate is 12.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
4	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>]:]BB:ARB:CLOCK:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the source for the digital modulation clock.

**Parameter:** **INTernal**  
The internal clock reference is used.

**EXTernal**  
The external clock reference is supplied to the CLOCK connector.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:CLOC:SOUR EXT"  
'selects an external clock reference. The clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.

"BB:ARB:CLOC:MODE SAMP"  
'enters clock type sample.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal		Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier:COUNT 1 ... 32

The command sets the number of carriers in the ARB multi carrier waveform. The total bandwidth (*Number of carriers - 1*) \* *Carrier spacing* is 80 MHz. The number of carriers entered therefore defines the maximum carrier spacing (:BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier:SPACing).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:COUNT 10"  
'sets 10 carriers for the multi carrier waveform.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
1	1	The carrier spacing (:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:SPAC) is reduced if the total bandwidth of 80 MHz is not respected when entering the number of carriers.	Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier<0...31>:DELAY -1s ... +1s.

The command sets the start delay of the selected carrier.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR15:DELAY 5us"  
'sets a start delay of 50 us for carrier 15.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 s	1 ns	Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier<0...31>:FILE "file name"

The command selects the file with I/Q data to be modulated onto the selected carrier.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR15:FILE 'C:\IQ\_wcdma'"  
'selects file 'IQ\_wcdma'. The data of the file is modulated onto carrier 15.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier<0...31>:PHASE 0 ... 360 DEG.

The command sets the start phase of the selected carrier.

The phase settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (:SOURce:BB:ARB:MCARrier:CFACTOR:MODE OFF).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR15:PHASE 90 DEG"  
'sets a start phase of 90° for carrier 15.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier<0...31>:POWER 80 dB ... 0 dB

The command sets the gain of the selected carrier.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR15:POW -50 dB"  
'sets the power of carrier 15 to -50 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier:SPACing 0 Hz ... 50 MHz

The command sets the frequency spacing between adjacent carriers of the multi carrier waveform.

The carriers are generated symmetrically around the RF carrier. The maximum carrier spacing is limited to  $Carrier\ spacing = Total\ baseband\ bandwidth / (Number\ of\ carriers - 1)$ . The total baseband bandwidth is 80 MHz.

**Note:**

In order to avoid wrap-around problems, the effective **Carrier Spacing** might be slightly modified. The **Carrier Spacing** is rounded in that way that the carrier closest to the center RF frequency shows no phase jump assuming that the carrier is unmodulated.

For odd number of carriers:

$RoundedCarrierSpacing = 1 / OutputSignalDuration * round(CarrierSpacing * OutputSignalDuration);$

For even number of carriers:

$RoundedCarrierSpacing = 2 / OutputSignalDuration * round(0.5 * CarrierSpacing * OutputSignalDuration);$

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:SPAC 10 MHz"  
'sets a carrier spacing of 10 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
10 kHz	0.01 Hz	The maximum carrier spacing is automatically reduced so that the maximum total bandwidth of 80 MHz is not exceeded on entering the number of carriers (:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:COUN).	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CARRier<0...31>:STATe ON | OFF

The command switches the selected carrier on or off.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR15:STAT ON"  
'switches carrier 15 on.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CFActor:MODE OFF | MIN | MAX

The command sets the mode for optimizing the crest factor by calculating the carrier phases.

**Parameter:** OFF

There is no automatic setting for minimizing or maximizing the crest factor. The **Phase** setting (command BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:PHAS) is in use.

MIN

The crest factor is minimized by internally calculating optimized carrier phases. The **Phase** setting (command BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:PHAS) is invalid.

**MAX**

The crest factor is maximized by internally calculating optimized carrier phases. The Phase setting (command BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:PHAS) is invalid.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CFAC:MODE OFF"  
 'switches off automatic crest factor optimization. The setting SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CARR:PHAS has an effect.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CLOad <file\_name>**

This command creates a multi carrier waveform using the current entries of the carrier table. This multi carrier waveform is saved with the file name specified with command SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL. The file extension is \*.wv. Digital standard ARB is activated, the new multi carrier waveform is loaded and is output in accordance to the trigger settings. This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL 'mcar1\_2'"  
 'defines the file name mcar1\_2.wv for the multi carrier waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:CLO"  
 'creates multi carrier waveform mcar1\_2.wv.  
 The new multi carrier waveform is loaded and digital standard ARB is activated.

*RST value	Dependencies	SCPI
-	SOUR:BB:ARB:WAV:SEL = <new Waveform> SOUR:BB:ARB:STATe = ON	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CLOCK**

The command queries the resulting sample rate at which the multi carrier waveform is output by the arbitrary waveform generator. The output clock rate depends on the number of carriers, carrier spacing and input sample rate of the leftmost or rightmost carriers. The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:CLOC?"  
 'queries the ARB multi carrier output clock rate.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:CREate**

This command creates a multi carrier waveform using the current settings of the carrier table. The multi carrier waveform is saved into the file defined with command SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL. The file extension is \*.wv.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL 'multi\_wv1'"  
 'defines the file name multi\_wv1.wv for the multi carrier waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:CRE"  
 'creates multi carrier waveform multi\_wv1.wv.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:DELay[:STARt] -1s ... +1s**

The command sets the start delay for the individual carriers in the defined carrier range. If the command :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL:STEP is used to define a step width, the delay entered here applies only to the starting carrier. The delays of the remaining carriers are stepped up or down by the delay value specified in the :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL:STEP command.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL 5us"  
 'sets a start delay of 5 us for the carriers in the carrier range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 s	1 ns	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:DELay:STEP -1s ... +1s**

The command sets the step width by which the start delays of the carriers in the defined carrier range will be incremented.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL 5 us"  
 'sets a start delay of 5 us for the carriers in the carrier range.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:DEL:STEP 1 us"  
 'the start delay is incremented by 1us for each carrier, i.e. the first carrier has a start delay of 5us, the second a start delay of 6 us, etc.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0s	1 ns	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:EXECute**

The command adopts the settings for the carrier range which has been defined using the :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:... commands.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:STAR 4"  
 'the carrier range starts at carrier 2.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:STOP 20"  
 'the carrier range stops at carrier 20.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:STAT ON"  
 'sets all the carriers in the carrier range (2 to 20) to ON.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:EXEC"  
 'transfers the assistant settings for carrier 2 to 20 into the carrier table.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific



**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:FILE "file name"**

The command selects the input file with I/Q data to be modulated onto the carriers in the defined carrier range.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:FILE 'C:\IQ\_wcdma'"  
'selects input file 'IQ\_wcdma' The data of the file are modulated onto the carriers in the defined carrier range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:PHASe[:START] 0 ... 360 DEG.**

The command sets the start phase for the individual carriers in the defined carrier range. If the command :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP is used to define a step width, the phase entered here applies only to the starting carrier. The phases of the remaining carriers are stepped up or down by the phase value specified in the :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP command.

The phase settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (:SOURCE:BB:ARB:MCARrier:CFACTOR:MODE OFF).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS 90 DEG"  
'sets a start phase of 90° for the carriers in the carrier range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:PHASe:STEP 0 ... 360 DEG.**

The command sets the step width by which the start phases of the carriers in the defined carrier range will be incremented.

The phase settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (:SOURCE:BB:ARB:MCARrier:CFACTOR:MODE OFF).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS 90 DEG"  
'sets a start phase of 90° for the carriers in the carrier range.  
"BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP 1 DEG"  
'the start phase is incremented by 1° for each carrier, i.e. the first carrier has a start phase of 90°, the second a start phase of 91°, etc.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:POWER[:START] 80 dB ... 0 dB**

The command sets the power for the individual carriers in the defined carrier range. If the command :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP is used to define a step width, the power entered here applies only to the starting carrier. The power of the remaining carriers is stepped up or down by the power specified in the :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP command.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:POW -50 dB"  
'sets the power of the carriers in the carrier range to -50 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:POWER:STEP - 80 dB ... +80 dB.**

The command sets the step width by which the starting power of the carriers in the defined carrier range will be incremented.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:POW -80dB"  
 'sets a power of -80 dB for the carriers in the carrier range.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP 1 dB"  
 'the power is incremented by 1dB for each carrier, i.e. the first carrier has -80dB, the second -79dB, etc.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:START <carrier\_index>**

The command selects the first carrier in the carrier range to which the settings with the SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:.. commands shall apply.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:STAR 1"  
 'the carrier range starts at carrier 1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:STATe ON | OFF**

The command switches all the carriers in the selected carrier range on or off.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:STAT ON"  
 'sets all the carriers in the carrier range to ON.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:EDIT:CARRier:STOP <carrier\_index>**

The command selects the last carrier in the carrier range to which the settings with the :BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:.. commands shall apply.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:EDIT:CARR:STOP 4"  
 'the carrier range stops at carrier 4.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:OFILe <file\_name>**

This command defines the output file name for the multi carrier waveform. This file name is used when a waveform is calculated (command SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CLOad or SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:CREate). The file extension is \*.wv.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:OFIL 'mcar1\_2'"  
 'defines the file name mcar1\_2.wv for the multi carrier waveform file

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:PRESet**

The command sets all ARB multi carrier parameters to their default values.  
 This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:PRES"  
 'resets the ARB multi carrier parameters to default values.'

*RST value	Dependency	SCPI
-	SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:COUN SOUR:BB:ARB:MCAR:SPAC	0 0

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SAMPles**

The command queries the resulting file size. The file size is returned in samples.  
 This command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:SAMP?"  
 'queries the file size of the currently calculated multi carrier waveform.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SETTing:CATalog?**

This command queries the available settings files in the specified default directory. The settings files are used to set the ARB multi carrier submenu. Only files with the file extension \*.arb\_multcarr will be listed.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.'  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:SETT:CAT?"  
 'reads out all the settings files in the default directory.'  
 Response: "mcar1, mcar2"  
 'the directory D:\user\waveform contains the configuration files  
 'mcar1.arb\_multcarr' and 'mcar2.arb\_multcarr'.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SETTing:LOAD <file\_name>**

The command loads the settings file in the default directory. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are selected. If a settings file with the specified name does not yet exist, it is created. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension \*.arb\_multcarr will be loaded or created.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.'  
 "BB:ARB:MCAR:SETT:LOAD 'new'"  
 'creates settings file new.arb\_multcarr in the default directory.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:SETTing:STORe <file\_name>

The command stores the current settings of submenu **ARB Multi Carrier** in a file in the default directory. A path can also be specified, in which case the files are stored in the specified directory. The file extension may be omitted, the files are stored with the file extension **\*.arb\_multcarr**.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
"BB:ARB:MCAR:SETT:STOR 'mcarr2'"  
'stores settings file mcarr2.arb\_multcarr in the default directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:STATe ON | OFF

**Note:**  
*This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.*

The command enables/disables multi carrier generation.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:STAT ON"  
'enables multi carrier generation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:TIME 1E-12s ... 1E9s

**Note:**  
*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the user-defined signal period. This setting is only possible for Signal Period Mode User (BB:ARB:MCAR:TIME:MODE USER).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:MCAR:TIME:MODE USER"  
'selects Signal Period Mode User.  
"BB:ARB:MCAR:TIME 10 s"  
'sets a signal period of 10 seconds

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0		device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:MCARrier:TIME:MODE LONG | SHORT | USER

The command selects the mode for calculating the resulting signal period of the multi carrier waveform. The resulting period is always calculated for all carriers in the carrier table irrespective of their state (ON/OFF).

**Parameter: LONG**  
The resulting signal period is defined by the longest I/Q file in the carrier table. Shorter I/Q files are periodically repeated.

**SHORT**  
The resulting signal period is defined by the shortest I/Q file in the carrier table. Only the first part of longer I/Q files is used.

**USER**

The signal period can be set with command `SOUR:BB:ARB:MCARr:TIME`.  
Shorter I/Q files are repeated periodically, and only the first part of longer I/Q files is used.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:MCAR:TIME:MODE LONG"`  
'selects signal period mode long

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
LONG	-	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:PRESet**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets all ARB generator parameters to their default values.  
This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:PRES"`  
'resets the ARB generator to default values.

*RST value	Dependency	SCPI
-	SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC	1MHz
	SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:DEL	0
	SOUR:BB:ARB:CLOC:SOUR	INT
	SOUR:BB:ARB:SIGN:FREQ	1 kHz
	SOUR:BB:ARB:SIGN:POFF	90 DEG
	SOUR:BB:ARB:SIGN:SAMPL	100
	SOUR:BB:ARB:STAT	OFF
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:EXT:DEL	0
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:EXT:INH	0
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:STAT	OFF
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:SHIF	0
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:MODE	REST
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:PFR	1MHz
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:PATT	#H0,1
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:OFFT	1
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP<n>:ONT	1
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SEQ	AUTO
	SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR	INT

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:SEQuence** AUTO | RETRigger | AAUTo | ARETrigger | SINGLE

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the trigger mode.

**Parameter:** **AUTO**  
The waveform is output continuously.

**RETRigger**  
The waveform is output continuously. A trigger event (internal or external) causes a restart.

**AAUTo**  
The waveform is output only when a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event the waveform is output continuously. Waveform output is stopped with command `SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:ARM:EXEC` and started again when a trigger event occurs.

**ARETrigger**

The waveform is output only when a trigger event occurs. The device automatically toggles to RETRIG mode. Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart. Waveform output is stopped with command `SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:ARM:EXEC` and started again when a trigger event occurs.

**SINGLE**

The waveform is output only when a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event the waveform is output once to the set sequence length (`SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLen`). Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:SEQ AAUT"`  
 'sets the **Armed\_auto** trigger mode; the device waits for the first trigger (e.g. with `*TRG`) and then generates the signal continuously.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
RETRigger	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:STATe ON | OFF**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command switches the ARB generator on. Any other standards or digital modulation that may be in the ON state are automatically turned OFF. `ARB:STAT ON` is only possible after the selection of a waveform. The selected waveform is output straight away (`ARB:SEQ AUTO|RETRigger`) or after the first trigger event (`ARB:SEQ AAUT|ARET`), depending on the trigger setting.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:WAV:SEL 'wave1'"`  
 'loads waveform file 'wave1.wv' from the default directory.  
`"BB:ARB:TRIG:SEQ RETR"`  
 'sets trigger mode Retrigger.  
`"BB:ARB:STAT ON"`  
 'switches on the ARB generator. The selected waveform is output straight away. A trigger event causes signal output to restart.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependency	SCPI
OFF	-	<code>ARB:STAT ON</code> switches off other standards and digital modulation on (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path).	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:ARM:EXECute**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command stops waveform output for trigger modes `Armed_Auto` and `Armed_Retrigger`. A subsequent internal or external trigger event restart waveform output. This command triggers an event and therefore has no `*RST` value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT"`  
 'sets internal triggering.

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"BB:ARB:TRIG:SEQ ARET"
'sets Armed_Retrigger mode, i.e. every trigger event causes waveform output
to restart.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:EXEC"
'executes a trigger, waveform output is started.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:ARM:EXEC"
'waveform output is stopped.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:EXEC"
'executes a trigger, waveform output is started again.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:EXECute**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command executes a trigger. The internal trigger source must be selected using the command `ARB:TRIGger:SOURce INTernal` and a trigger mode other than `AUTO` must be selected using the command `:ARB:SEQuence`.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:**

```
"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT"
'sets internal triggering.

"BB:ARB:SEQ RETR"
'sets Retrigger mode, i.e. every trigger event causes signal output to restart.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:EXEC"
'executes a trigger.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger[:EXTernal<[1]|2>]:DELay 0 ... 2^32-1 samples**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command specifies the trigger delay (expressed as a number of samples) for external triggering. The numeric suffix to `EXTernal` distinguishes between the external trigger via the `TRIGGER 1` (suffix 1) and `TRIGGER 2` (suffix 2) connector.

**Example:**

```
"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR EXT"
'selects an external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 connector

"BB:ARB:TRIG:DEL 200"
'sets a delay of 200 samples for the trigger.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger[:EXTErnal<[1]|2>]:INHibit 0 ... 2<sup>32</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command specifies the number of samples by which a restart is to be inhibited following a trigger event. This command applies only in the case of external triggering. The numeric suffix to EXTErnal distinguishes between the external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 (suffix 1) and TRIGGER 2 (suffix 2) connector.

**Example:**

```
"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR EXT"
'selects an external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 connector

"BB:ARB:TRIG:INH 200"
'sets a restart inhibit for 200 samples following a trigger event.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OBASeband:DELay 0 ... 2<sup>32</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU two-path instruments only.*

The command specifies the trigger delay (expressed as a number of samples) for triggering by the signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:**

```
"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR OBAS"
'sets for path A the internal trigger executed by the signal from the second
path (path B).

"BB:ARB:TRIG:DEL 200"
'sets a delay of 200 samples for the trigger.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OBASeband:INHibit 0 ... 2<sup>32</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU two-path instruments only.*

The command specifies the number of samples by which a restart is to be inhibited following a trigger event. This command applies only for triggering by the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:**

```
"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR OBAS"
'sets for path A the internal trigger executed by the signal from the second
path (path B).

"BB:ARB:TRIG:INH 200"
'sets a restart inhibit for 200 samples following a trigger event.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific



[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay 0 ... 2<sup>20</sup>-1 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the delay between the signal on the marker outputs and the start of the signals, expressed in terms of samples. Command :BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON can be used to restrict the range of values to the dynamic range, i.e. the range within which a delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL 16"  
'sets a delay of 16 samples for the signal on connector MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 Symbols	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON | OFF

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command restricts the marker delay setting range to the dynamic range. In this range the delay can be set without restarting the marker and signal. If a delay is entered in setting ON but is outside this range, the maximum possible delay is set and an error message is output.

The numeric suffix in OUTPut has no significance for this command, since the setting always affects every marker.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MAXimum

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the maximum marker delay for setting :BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MAX"  
'queries the maximum of the dynamic range.

Response: "2000"  
'the maximum for the marker delay setting is 2000 samples.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MINimum

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the minimum marker delay for setting :BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**

"BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"

'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MIN"

'queries the minimum of the dynamic range.

Response: "0"

'the minimum for the marker delay setting is 0 samples.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:MODE UNCHanged | REStart | PULSe | PATtern | RATio

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the signal for the selected marker output.

**Parameter:**

**UNCHanged**

A marker signal as defined in the waveform file (tag 'marker mode x') is generated.

**REStart**

A marker signal is generated at every waveform start.

**PULSe**

A pulsed marker signal is generated. The pulse frequency (= symbol rate/divider) is defined with the SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:PULS:DIV command and can be queried with the SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:PULS:FREQ? command.

**PATtern**

A marker signal is generated with the aid of a user-definable bit pattern. The bit pattern is entered with the aid of command :BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:PATtern. The bit pattern is a maximum of 32 bits long.

**RATio**

A regular marker signal corresponding to the Time Off / Time On specifications in the commands :ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:OFFTime and :ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:ONTime is generated.

**Example:**

"BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PULS"

'selects the pulsed marker signal on output MARKER 2.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:STAT ON"

'activates the pulsed marker signal on output MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
REStart	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:OFFTime 1 ... max. wavelength -1 sample

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the number of samples in a period (ON time + OFF time) during which the marker signal in setting :ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE RATIO on the marker outputs is OFF.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:OFFT 20"  
'sets an OFF time of 20 samples for marker signal 2 (in case of two-path instruments, on path A).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:ONTime 1 ... max. wavelength -1 sample

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the number of samples in a period (ON time + OFF time) during which the marker signal in setting :ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE RATIO on the marker outputs is ON.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:ONT 20"  
'sets an ON time of 20 samples for marker 2 (in case of two-path instruments, on path A).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PATTern #B0,1 ... #B111...1,32

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the bit pattern used to generate the marker signal in the setting SOURce:BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE PATTern 0 is marker off, 1 is marker on.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:PATT #H39FE0000,32"  
'sets a bit pattern.  
"BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PATT"  
'activates the marker signal according to a bit pattern on output MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:DIVider 2 ... 2<sup>10</sup>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the divider for the pulsed marker signal in the setting SOURce:BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE PULSe. The pulse frequency is derived by dividing the symbol rate by the divider.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:DIV 2"  
 'sets the divider for the marker signal on output MARKER 2 to the value 2.  
 "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:FREQ?"  
 'queries the resulting pulse frequency of the marker signal  
 Response: "66 000"  
 'the resulting pulse frequency is 66 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
2	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:FREQuency?

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command queries the pulse frequency of the pulsed marker signal in the setting SOURce:BB:ARB:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE PULSe. The pulse frequency is derived by dividing the symbol rate by the divider. The divider is defined with command :BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP:PULS:DIV.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:DIV 4"  
 'sets the divider for the marker signal on output MARKER 2 to the value 4.  
 "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PULS"  
 'enables the pulsed marker signal.  
 "BB:ARB:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:FREQ?"  
 'queries the pulse frequency of the marker signal.  
 Response: "33 000"  
 'the resulting pulse frequency is 33 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:RMODE

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command queries the status of waveform output or all trigger modes with ARB on. The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Parameter:**     **RUN**  
 The waveform is output. A trigger event occurred in the triggered mode.

**STOP**  
 the waveform is not output. A trigger event did not occur in the triggered modes, or waveform output was stopped by the command :BB:ARB:TRIG:ARM:EXECute (armed trigger modes only).

**Example:** "SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
'sets external triggering via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

"SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:MODE ARET"  
'selects the Armed\_Retrigger mode.

"SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:RMOD?"  
'queries the current status of waveform output.

Response: "RUN"  
'the waveform is output, an external trigger was executed.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

### [SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SLENgth 1 ... (2<sup>32</sup>-1) Samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode. The unit is defined with command SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLUNit. It is possible to output deliberately just part of the waveform, an exact sequence of the waveform, or a defined number of repetitions of the waveform.

**Example:** "SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ SING"  
'sets trigger mode Single.

"SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLUN SAMP"  
'sets unit Samples for the entry of sequence length.

"SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLEN 200"  
'sets a sequence length of 200 samples. The first 200 samples of the current waveform will be output after the next trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 Waveform length	-	Device-specific

### [SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SLUNit SAMPlE | SEQuence

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the unit for the entry of the length of the signal sequence (SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLEN) to be output in the **Single** trigger mode (SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ SING).

**Example:** "SOUR:BB:ARB:SEQ SING"  
'sets trigger mode Single.

"SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLUN SEQ"  
'sets unit Sequence length for the entry of sequence length.

"SOUR:BB:ARB:TRIG:SLEN 2"  
'sets a sequence length of 2 waveforms. The current waveforms will be output twice after the next trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SEQuence	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SMODE SAME | NEXT | NSEam

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the extended trigger mode for multi segment waveforms.

**Parameter:**

**SAME**

The currently selected segment is output repeatedly.

**NEXT**

The current segment ceases to be output as soon as a new segment is entered with command :BB:ARB:WSEG:NEXT and the new segment starts to be output after a system-imposed signal gap.

**NSEam**

The segment selected with command :BB:ARB:WSEG:NEXT is not output until the whole of the current segment has been output (wrap around). In this case the signal transition is seamless.

**Example:**

"SOUR2:BB:ARB:SEQ AUTO"  
'selects trigger mode AUTO.

"SOUR2:BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD SAME"  
'the same segment of the waveform is output repeatedly.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NEXT	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:ARB:TRIGger:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal | BEXTernal | OBASeband

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the trigger source.

**Parameter:**

**INTernal**

Triggering is executed by means of the Trigger command in the case of remote control, and by means of **Execute Trigger** in the case of manual operation.

**EXTernal**

Triggering is executed by means of the signal on the TRIGGER 1 connector.

**BEXTernal**

Triggering is executed by means of the signal on the TRIGGER 2 connector.

**OBASeband**

Triggering is executed by means of the signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:**

"BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
'sets internal triggering.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>]:JBB:ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:FREQUency 100 Hz ... 25 MHz

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the frequency of the simple sinusoidal test signal. This signal is used as output via the I channel. A sine wave of the same frequency but optionally phase-shifted is generated on the Q path (ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:POFFset).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TSIG:SINE:FREQ 100 kHz"  
'sets a sine signal of 100 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 kHz	0.01 Hz	Instrument-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>]:JBB:ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:PHASe -180.00 Deg ... + 180.00 Deg

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the phase offset of the sine wave on the Q channel relative to the sine wave on the I channel.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TSIG:SINE:PHAS 90"  
'sets a phase offset of 90 degrees.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
90 DEG	0.01 DEG	Instrument-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>]:JBB:ARB:TSIGnal:SINE:SAMPles 3 ... 1000 samples per period

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command sets the sample rate for the sine signal in samples per period. The resulting clock rate must not exceed the maximum ARB clock rate of 100 MHz. The maximum value is automatically restricted by reference to the set frequency.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:TSIG:SINE:SAMP 100"  
'sets a sample rate of 100 samples per period.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependency	SCPI
100 samples per period	1	ARB:SIGN:SAMP MAX is automatically restricted by frequency x samples <= 100 MHz	Instrument-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>]:JBB:ARB:WAVEform:CATalog? <path>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

This command reads out the files in the default directory. The default directory is set using command MMEM:CDIRECTory. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. When the names of the waveform files are returned they are separated by commas. Only files with the file extension \*.wv will be listed.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WAV:CAT?"  
 'reads out all the files in the default directory.  
 Response: "sin1, wave"  
 'the directory D:\user\waveform contains the waveform files 'sin1.wv' and  
 'wave.wv'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]]2>:JBB:ARB:WAVEform:CATalog:LENGth? <path>

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

This command reads out the number of files in the default directory for waveform files (D:\Lists\ARBWave). A path can also be specified, in which case the number of files in the specified directory is read. Only files with the file extension \*.wv will be listed. The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WAV:CAT:LENG?"  
 'reads out the number of files in the default waveform directory.  
 Response: "1"  
 'there is 1 file in the default waveform directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]]2>:JBB:ARB:WAVEform:DATA <waveform filename>[,<binary data block>]

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

This command writes the block data <binary data block> to the file identified by <file\_name>. The IEC bus delimiter should be set to EOI when this is done, in order to ensure trouble-free data transmission. The complete content of the waveform file is transmitted as binary data block. The associated query command transmits the specified file from the R&S Signal Generator to the control computer via the IEC bus. Please note that the buffer on the control computer must be big enough to accept the file. The setting for the IEC bus delimiter is of no significance. Using this command, waveforms can be read out directly from or sent directly to the instrument. The structure of the binary data block is as follows: #234<binarydata block>

- # is always used to introduce the binary block
- <number> states how many places in the following length data (in the example 2)
- <number> defines the number of following bytes (in the example 34)
- <binary data block> binary block data of the specified length.



Only the file name has to be entered, the file extension may be omitted. Waveform data is stored only in files with the specific file extensions \*.wv. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:WAV:DATA 'c:\user\TEST1.WV',#3767<bin data block>"`  
 'writes the block data to file 'test1.wv' in the c:\user directory.

`"BB:ARB:WAV:DATA? 'c:\user\TEST1.WV'"`  
 'sends the data from file 'Test1.wv' in the c:\user directory from the R&S Signal Generator to the control computer in the form of a binary block.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVEform:DATA? <filename>,<tag>**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the content of the specified tag of the selected Waveform file (see following section "[R&S Signal Generator Waveform and List Format](#)"). The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Parameter:** 'comment' | 'copyright' | 'date' | 'lacpfilter' | 'marker name' | 'poweroffset'

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'c:\user\wave1.wv', 'comment'"`  
 'queries the content of the 'comment' tag of file wave1.wv in the c:\user directory.

Response: "Sine wave for test purposes"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVEform:DELete <waveform filename>**

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command deletes the specified waveform file. If the file is not on the default path, the path must be specified at the same time. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension \*.wv will be deleted.

**Example:** `"BB:ARB:WAV:DEL 'c:\user\wave1.wv'"`  
 'deletes waveform file 'wave1.wv' from the c:/user directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:FREE?

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the free disk space on the default path of the R&S Signal Generator harddisk.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WAV:FREE?"  
 'queries the free disk space in directory D:\user\waveform.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:POINTs? <waveform filename>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the number of samples in the waveform file selected using command :ARB:WAV:SEL. Only the file name has to be entered. Only files with the file extension \*.wv will be read out.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WAV:POINTs?"  
 'queries the number of I/Q values pairs in the waveform file.  
 Response: "401"  
 'the waveform file contains 401 I/Q values pairs.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WAVeform:SElect <waveform filename>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the waveform file. If the file is not on the default path, the path must be specified at the same time. If no file of the specified name exists, it is created. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension \*.wv will be created or loaded.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WAV:SEL 'c:\user\wave1.wv'"  
 'selects waveform file 'wave1.wv' from the c:/user directory and loads it.  
 "BB:ARB:TRIG:SEQ AAUT"  
 'sets trigger mode Armed\_Auto.  
 "BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
 'selects internal triggering.  
 "BB:ARB:STAT ON"  
 'switches on the ARB generator.

"BB:ARB:TRIG:EXEC"  
'starts generating the selected waveform.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:WAVEform:TAG? <tag name>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the content of the specified tag of the selected Waveform file (see following section "R&S Signal Generator Waveform and List Format").

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'comment'"  
'queries the content of the 'comment' tag.

Response: "Sine wave for test purposes"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment?

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

This command queries the currently output segment of the multi segment waveform.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WSEG?"  
'queries the currently output segment.

Response "2"  
'segment 2 is currently output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CLOAD <configuration file\_name>

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

This command creates a multi segment waveform using the current entries of the specified configuration file.

This multi segment waveform is saved with the file name specified in the configuration file . The file extension is \*. **vv**. Digital standard **ARB** is activated, the new multi segment waveform is loaded and the first segment is output in accordance to the trigger settings.^

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL 'multi\_sin'"  
 'creates the configuration file multi\_sin.inf\_mswv in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGM:APP 'sinus1'"  
 'includes waveform sinus1.wv as segment 1 in the configuration file. The waveform must be available in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGM:APP 'sinus2'"  
 'includes waveform sinus1.wv as segment 2 in the configuration file. The waveform must be available in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL 'mseg1\_2'"  
 'defines the file name mseg1\_2.wv for the multi segment waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CLO 'multi\_sin'"  
 'creates multi segment waveform mseg1\_2.wv using the settings of the configuration file multi\_sin.inf\_mswv.  
 The new multi segment waveform is loaded and digital standard **ARB** is activated.

*RST value	Dependencies	SCPI
-	SOUR:BB:ARB:WAV:SEL = <new Waveform> SOUR:BB:ARB:STATE = ON	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:WSEgment:CONFigure:CATalog?**

This command queries the available configuration files in the specified default directory. The configuration files are used to create multi segment waveform files..  
 The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CAT?"  
 'reads out all the configuration files in the default directory.  
 Response: "mulit1, multi2"  
 'the directory D:\user\waveform contains the configuration files  
 'multil.inf\_mswv' and 'multi2.inf\_mswv'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:ARB:WSEgment:CONFigure:CLOCK max sample rate .. 100MHz**

This command defines the clock rate used for multi segment waveform output in case of Clock Mode **User** (:BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOCK:MODE USER).

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC:MODE USER"  
 'selects Clock Mode User.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC 50MHz"  
 'defines a clock rate of 50 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
Max. Sample Rate	0.001 Hz	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:CLOCK:MODE UNCHanged | HIGHest | USER**

This command selects the clock rate mode for the multi segment waveform.

**Parameter: UNCHanged**  
 The segments are output with the clock rate defined in the waveform file. Extended Trigger Mode **Next Segment Seamless** (:BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD NSEam) can only be selected if all segments have the same clock rate. Extended Trigger Mode **Next Segment** (:BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD NEXT) can only be selected if trigger mode **Internal** is selected.( :BB:ARB:TRIG:SOUR INT).

**HIGHest**  
 The segments are output at the highest available clock rate.

**USER**  
 The segments are output with the clock rate defined with command :BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:CLOC:MODE UNCH"  
 'selects clock mode unchanged. The segments are output with the clock rate defined in the waveform file.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
UNCHanged	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:COMMENT <string>**

This command enters a comment for the configuration file. The configuration file must be specified with command :BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:COMM <3gpp\_up>"  
 'enters comment "3gpp\_up".

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:DELEte**

This command deletes the configuration file. The configuration files are used to create multi segment waveform files.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:DEL 'multil'"  
 'deletes configuration file multil.inf\_mswv.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:LEVel[:MODE] UNCHanged | ERMS**

This command selects the level mode for the multi segment waveform.

**Parameter: UNCHanged**  
 The segments are output exactly as defined in the files.

**ERMS**  
 The segments are output so that all segments have the same rms value.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:LEV:MODE UNCH"  
 'selects level mode unchanged. The segments are output as defined in the waveform file.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
UNCHanged	-	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFIgure:OFILe <file\_name>**

This command defines the file name for the multi segment waveform. This file name is stored in the configuration file and is used when a waveform is created (command :BB:ARB:WSEG:CLOad or :BB:ARB:WSEG:CREate). The file extension is \*.wv.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL 'multil'"  
 'creates the configuration file multil.inf\_mswv in default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL 'mseg1\_2'"  
 'defines the file name mseg1\_2.wv for the multi segment waveform file created using configuration file multil.inf\_mswv.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFIgure:SEGMENT:APPend <file\_name>**

This command appends the specified waveform to the configuration file.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL 'new'"  
 'creates the configuration file new.inf\_mswv in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGMENT:APP 'arb1'"  
 'appends waveform arb1.wv to configuration file new. Waveform arb1 will be the first segment of a multi segment waveform created with configuration file new.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFIgure:SEGMENT:CATalog?**

This command queries the segments of the currently selected configuration file.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL 'multi\_sin'"  
 'selects the configuration file multi\_sin.inf\_mswv.

"BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGM:CAT?"  
 'queries the segments of the selected configuration file.

Response: "arb4, arb2"  
 'The configuration file includes the segments 'arb4.wv' and 'arb2.wv'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CONFigure:SElect <file\_name>**

The command selects the configuration file in the default directory A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are selected. If a configuration file with the specified name does not yet exist, it is created. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension \*.inf\_mswv will be selected or created.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL 'new'  
 'create configuration file new.inf\_mswv in the default directory.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:ARB:WSEGment:CREate <file\_name>**

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

This command creates a multi segment waveform using the current settings of the specified configuration file. The multi segment waveform is saved into the file defined in the configuration file . The file extension is \*. wv.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEL 'new'  
 'creates the configuration file new.inf\_mswv in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGM:APP 'arb1'  
 "includes waveform sinus1.wv as segment 1 in the configuration file. The waveform must be available in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:SEGM:APP 'arb2'  
 'includes waveform sinus1.wv as segment 1 in the configuration file. The waveform must be available in the default directory.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CONF:OFIL 'multi\_wv1'  
 'defines the file name multi\_wv1.wv for the multi segment waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:CRE 'new'  
 'creates multi segment waveform multi\_wv1.wv using the settings of the configuration file new.inf\_mswv.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:WSEgment:NEXT 0 ... 2000

This command selects the segment to be output.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:NEXT 2"  
 'selects segment 2 to be output.  
 "BB:ARB:TRIG:SMOD NEXT"  
 'selects extended trigger mode next, i.e. the segment specified with command  
 :BB:ARB:WSEG:NEXT will be output.  
 "BB:ARB:SEQ AUTO"  
 'selects trigger mode Auto.  
 "BB:ARB:WAV:SEL 'multi\_wv1'"  
 'loads multi segment waveform multi\_wv1.wv. Generation of segment 2  
 starts.  
 "BB:ARB:WSEG:NEXT 3"  
 'switched at once to output of segment 3.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	-	device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:ARB:WSEgment:STATe ON | OFF

**Note:**  
 This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.

This command enables/disables multi segment generation.

**Example:** "BB:ARB:WSEG:STAT ON"  
 'enables multi segment generation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	device-specific



## R&S Signal Generator Waveform and List Format

The R&S Signal Generator uses a tag-oriented format for externally or internally generated waveforms as well as for data and control lists. The data can be transmitted via the IEC bus from an external computer to the R&S Signal Generator and vice versa. For these purposes the file is transmitted as a binary data block, using IEC bus command `SOUR:BB:ARB:WAV:DATA`.

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### Note:

*A waveform version number is not necessary due to the flexible, tag-based form.*

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Tags are self-contained information units. Their general format is:

**{Name: Data} or {Name-Length: Data}**

The colon separates the name part and the data part. The colon can be followed by a space for the sake of legibility.

The **Name** identifies the tag. It is always expressed in capital letters.

The **Data** is tag-specific, and in most cases it is in ASCII plain text.

The **Length** specifies the number of bytes in a WAVEFORM tag or DATA LIST tag (from ':' to '}', ASCII integer)

Each waveform file must begin with the TYPE tag. The sequence of the remaining tags is arbitrary. For each tag an indication shows whether it *must* be included in the file concerned (mandatory) or *may* be included (optional).

Unknown tags are not analyzed by the R&S Signal Generator. On the other hand they are left unchanged, are saved without an error message and can be read back again.

AMIQ waveforms can also be loaded on the R&S Signal Generator, where they are converted internally into an R&S Signal Generator waveform.

The following sections first describe the mandatory TYPE tag which identifies the file and is always located at the start of the file. The rest of the tags used in the R&S Signal Generator are then described in alphabetical order. Most tags are valid for all three file types. If a tag is valid only for a single file type, e.g. only for a waveform, this fact is indicated in the description.

### **{TYPE: magic, xxxxxxxx} (mandatory, must be the first tag in the file)**

The *TYPE* tag identifies the file as a valid R&S Signal Generator file. It must be present and must be the first in the waveform. If a file of the same name already exists on the target medium, it is overwritten.

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### Note:

*AMIQ waveforms can also be loaded on the R&S Signal Generator, where they are converted internally into an R&S Signal Generator waveform.*

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<b>magic</b>	'magic' designates the file type and has the following values:
<b>SMU-WV</b>	The file contains a valid R&S Signal Generator waveform.
<b>SMU-DL</b>	The file contains a valid R&S Signal Generator data list.
<b>SMU-CL</b>	The file contains a valid R&S Signal Generator control list.

**xxxxxxx:** 'xxxxxxx' is an ASCII-coded checksum of the data part of the WAVEFORM tag in the file. This value is always 0 for data lists and control lists.

The checksum for waveforms is used for detecting transmission errors. If the *TYPE* tag contains 0 or a non-numeric value for the checksum, it is ignored.

It is calculated in accordance with the following algorithm, where 'start' is a pointer to the first byte after the '#' character in the WAVEFORM tag and 'length' is the number of bytes between 'start' and the closing curly bracket (excluding the latter; 'length' must be divisible by 4 without a remainder):

```

UINT32 checksum(void *start, UINT32 length)
{
    UINT32 i, result = 0xA50F74FF;

    for(i=0; i < length/4; i++)
        result = result ^ ((UINT32 *)start)[i];

    return(result);
}
    
```

**Example:** {TYPE: SMU-WV,106656}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'TYPE'"  
'queries the content of the 'TYPE' tag.

Response: "'SMU-WV,106656'"  
'this is a valid waveform.'

**{CLOCK: frequency} (mandatory for waveforms)**

The tag specifies the clock frequency at which the waveform has to be output, in Hz. A query of *ARB:CLOCK?* after loading the waveform returns the value set using the *CLOCK* tag. This value can subsequently be altered with the aid of the *ARB:CLOCK* command.

**Example:** {CLOCK: 54000000}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'CLOCK'"  
'queries the content of the 'CLOCK' tag.

Response: "54000000"  
'the clock frequency is set to 54 MHz.'

**{COMMENT: string} (optional)**

The tag contains a plain text ASCII string of arbitrary length. The string is not analyzed in the R&S Signal Generator. It is used to describe the file. The string is allowed to contain all printable ASCII characters except the closing curly bracket.

**Example:** {COMMENT: File with data for 3GPP enhanced channels}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'COMMENT'"  
'queries the content of the 'COMMENT' tag of the selected waveform file.

Response: "File with data for 3GPP enhanced channels"  
'the comment on the waveform reads "File with data for 3GPP enhanced channels".'

**{COPYRIGHT: string} (optional for waveforms)**

The tag contains an ASCII string of arbitrary length. The string is not analyzed in the R&S Signal Generator. It is used to store copyright information about the file content.

**Example:** {COPYRIGHT: Rohde&Schwarz}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'COPYRIGHT'"  
'queries the content of the 'COPYRIGHT' tag of the selected waveform file.

Response: "'Rohde&Schwarz'"  
'copyright resides with Rohde&Schwarz.'

**{DATA BITLENGTH: BitLength} (mandatory for data lists)**

The tag contains the length of the data held in the "DATA LIST" tag in bits in ASCII format.

**Example:** {DATA BITLENGTH: 444}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:DM:DLIS:TAG? 'DATA BITLENGTH'"  
'queries the content of the 'DATA BITLENGTH' tag of the selected data list file.

Response: "'444'"  
'the data list is 444 bits long.'

**{DATA LIST-Length: #d<sub>0</sub>d<sub>1</sub>...d<sub>x</sub>...d<sub>N-1</sub>...} (mandatory for data lists)**

The tag contains the actual bit sequence of the data list in binary format.

**Length** 'Length' defines the number of bytes in the DATA LIST tag in ASCII Format (for format see WAVEFORM length).

**d<sub>x</sub>** Data bits in binary format (8-bit unsigned characters, MSB first).

**Example:** {DATA LIST-56: #0111000010101010100101010100.....001010}

**Example:** "BB:DM:DLIS:TAG? 'DATA LIST'"  
'queries the content of the 'DATA LIST' tag of the selected data list file.

Response: "56"  
'transmits a data list which is 56 bytes long from ':' to '}'.

**{DATE: yyyy-mm-dd;hh:mm:ss} (optional)**

The tag contains the date and time at which the file was created. The year must be expressed as four digits. The R&S Signal Generator does not analyze this tag.

**Example:** {DATE: 2003-04-02;14:32:12}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'DATE'"  
'queries the content of the 'DATE' tag of the selected waveform file.

Response: "'2003-04-02;14:32:12'"  
'the waveform was created on April 2, 2003 at 14 hrs 32 min.'

**{CONTROL LENGHT: ControlLength} (optional)**

The tag contains the length of the control list in ASCII format. If this tag is not used, the control list length is determined by the highest position used in one of the LIST tags. It is recommended to set this value to be equal to the number of samples in order to keep marker signals and wave data synchronized.

**Example:** {CONTROL LENGTH: 444}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'CONTROL LENGTH'"  
'queries the length of the control list.

Response: "'444'"

**{LEVEL OFFS: RMSOffset\_dB,PeakOffset\_dB} (optional for waveforms)**

The tag determines the level of the ARB signal in the waveform file. The offset levels define the offset of rms and peak value relative to the 16-bit full scale modulation  $(-32767 \text{ to } +32767) = 0 \text{ dB}$ .

**RMSOffset\_dB** 'RMSOffset\_dB' defines the rms level offset of the signal relative to full scale ARB signal in the "WAVEFORM" tag. The offset is defined in ASCII float format. The value is always positive. A 3dB value indicates that the rms level of the signal is 3 dBs below the full scale (full scale = max. amplitude of vector of I/Q samples =  $|SIQ|_{\max} = \sqrt{I^2+Q^2}_{\max} = 0 \text{ dB}$ )

**PeakOffset\_dB** 'PeakOffset\_dB' defines the peak level offset of the signal relative to full scale for the ARB signal in the "WAVEFORM" tag. The offset is defined in ASCII float format. The value usually equals 0 dB as in the majority of cases the I/Q samples (signed 16-bit integer values) are modulated to full scale: Full scale = 0 dB = max. amplitude of vector of I/Q samples =  $|SIQ|_{\max} = \sqrt{I^2+Q^2}_{\max} = (2^{15})-1 = 32767$ .

A positive PeakOffset\_dB value indicates that a headroom to full scale is provided when generating the waveform. A negative PeakOffset\_dB value indicates that overrange is likely for some samples, i.e. clipping might occur.

The crest factor can be calculated from the two values as follows:

$$\text{crest factor} = |\text{PeakOffset\_dB} - \text{RMSOffset\_dB}|$$

**Example:** {LEVEL OFFS: 3.45,2}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'LEVEL OFFS'"  
'queries the content of the 'LEVEL OFFS' tag of the selected waveform file.

Response: "'3.45,2'"

'the level of the waveform is below full scale, clipping will not occur.'

**{SAMPLES: Samples} (optional for waveforms)**

The tag contains the number of I/Q samples in the waveform in ASCII format.

**Example:** {SAMPLES: 4333}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:ARB:WAV:TAG? 'SAMPLES'"  
'queries the content of the 'SAMPLES' tag of the selected waveform file.

Response: "'4333'"

'the waveform contains 4333 I/Q samples.'

**{[TRACE] LIST [#]: Pos<sub>0</sub>:Val<sub>0</sub>;Pos<sub>1</sub>:Val<sub>1</sub>;...Pos<sub>x</sub>:Val<sub>x</sub>;...Pos<sub>N-1</sub>:Val<sub>N-1</sub>}  
mandatory for control lists / optional for waveforms)**

The tag contains the data for the marker and control signals in the control list or the marker signals of ARB waveforms. To select which of these signals is defined, [TRACE] and the associated number are used. For ARB waveforms it is only meaningful to define marker signals.

**[TRACE]** [TRACE] specifies the name of the marker or control signal: You may choose from the following names: MARKER; BURST; LEVATT; CW MODE; HOP

**[#]** [#] specifies the number in the case of control signals and marker signals with the same name. There is a choice between 4 markers and 3 LEVATT signals. Lines LEVATT 1 and 2 are needed for internal purposes and should not be used.

**Pos** Pos specifies in ASCII format the number of the position in the sequence, with effect from which the binary state of the marker or of the control signal changes from 0 to 1 or from 1 to 0.

**Val** Val specifies the binary state of the marker or of the control signal{0; 1} from Pos<sub>x</sub> to Pos<sub>x+1</sub> exclusive in ASCII format.

**Example:** {MARKER LIST 1: 0:0;10:1;20:0;30:1}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:DM:CLIS:TAG? 'MARKER LIST 1'"  
 'queries the content of the 'MARKER LIST 1' tag of the selected control list file.

**Response:** "'0:0;10:1;20:0;30:1'"  
 'the marker setting for samples 0 to 9 = 0 (low), for 10 to 19 = 1 (high) and for 20 to 29 = 0. From sample 30 onward the marker setting = 1.

**Example:** {LEVATT LIST 1: 0:0;10:1;20:0;30:1}

**IEC bus query:** "BB:DM:CLIS:TAG? 'LEVATT LIST 1'"  
 'queries the content of the 'LEVATT LIST 1' tag of the selected control list file.

**Response:** "'0:0;10:1;20:0;30:1'"  
 'level attenuation applies to data values 10 to 19 (high) and from data value 30 onward.

**{WAVEFORM-Length: #I<sub>0</sub>Q<sub>0</sub>I<sub>1</sub>Q<sub>1</sub>...I<sub>x</sub>Q<sub>x</sub>...I<sub>N-1</sub>Q<sub>N-1</sub>...} (mandatory for waveforms)**

The tag contains the actual waveform data and consists of the following:

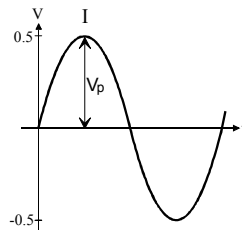
**Length** 'Length' specifies the number of bytes in a WAVEFORM tag and consists of the following:

- + Length of "#", # (1 byte)
- + Number of I/Q pairs \* 4 (2 bytes per I and per Q value).

I<sub>x</sub>Q<sub>x</sub>... represents binary data (16-bit signed integer in 2's complement notation) containing the I and Q component alternately and starting with the I component. Each component consists of two bytes, least significant byte (LSB) first.

The values of the two bytes in an I component and a Q component are in the range -32767 to +32767. This value is transferred to the D/A converter.

At 50 Ω between the inner and outer conductors of the I and Q outputs, an amplitude V<sub>p</sub> of +/-0.5 Volt arises on the I/Q output connectors of the R&S Signal Generator. When a PEP offset is defined (PEP OFFSET tag) the amplitude is correspondingly reduced.



(The illustration also applies to the Q output)

**Example:** {WAVEFORM-401:#I,Q,I,Q,I,Q...I,Q} (100 I/Q pairs with 4 bytes each are transmitted)

**IEC bus query:** The data is transmitted using IEC bus command BB:ARB:WAVE:DATA.

## Creating a Waveform Manually

We will use the example of a sine function in the I channel and a cosine function in the Q channel, each with 20 points, to explain how a waveform file SICO.WV is generated.

The sine and cosine values are calculated by a short program written in the programming language C (see the following example for creating a C-program). They are stored in the file SICO.TXT as follows:

**Contents of SICO.TXT:**

Sine (I)    Cosine (Q)

```
0.000000 1.000000
0.309017 0.951057
0.587785 0.809017
0.809017 0.587785
0.951057 0.309017
1.000000 -0.000000
0.951056 -0.309017
0.809017 -0.587785
0.587785 -0.809017
0.309017 -0.951056
-0.000000 -1.000000
-0.309017 -0.951057
-0.587785 -0.809017
-0.809017 -0.587785
-0.951056 -0.309017
-1.000000 0.000000
-0.951056 0.309017
-0.809017 0.587785
-0.587785 0.809017
-0.309017 0.951057
```

The decimal values in SICO.TXT should be normalized such that they are between -1.0 and +1.0.

The waveform file SICO.WV will be based on the contents of this file.

To be read by the R&S Signal Generator these waveform data must be coded binary and packed into an appropriate WAVEFORM tag.

A tag consists of a name and a data set and is enclosed in curved brackets. The tag is a kind of label carrying information about what the R&S Signal Generator should do with the data set (see above and step 3 of the following instructions).

The following steps outline how to create the waveform file SICO.WV:

**Step 1**

The values from the file SICO.TXT must be converted into binary format consisting of integer numbers without a sign and with 16-bit width. The numeric range between -1.0 and +1.0 corresponds to the modulation range of the waveform D/A converter of 65535 ( $2^{16}-1$ ).

- +1.0 →    32767        = 0x7FFF
- 0.0 →     0            = 0x0000
- 1.0 →    -32767        = 0x8001

A further C-program is suitable for creating the binary data set from the ASCII values stored in SICO.TXT file (see following example for creating a C-program). This program stores the binary data set to a file called SICO.WV.

The contents of the file SICO.WV reads as follows:

```
|IQIQIQIQIQIQI ... IQ
```

**Explanation:**    *There is no readable representation for binary values in this document. This is why we use the sequence IQIQIQ to characterize the binary code in the present example.*

**Step 2**

The file SICO.WV now contains the binary data set corresponding to the 20 I/Q pairs. Before this binary data set can be further processed in step 3, the TYPE and the CLOCK tag

```
{TYPE: SMU-WV, xxxxxxxx}
{CLOCK: yyy}           must be placed in front.
```

**The TYPE tag must be the first entry in a WAVEFORM.** The TYPE tag identifies the waveform as a valid R&S Signal Generator waveform.

**SMU-WV** denotes that the waveform is self-contained.

**Xxxxxxx** is the checksum of the waveform. To simplify our example 0 is used, i.e., the R&S Signal Generator does not evaluate a checksum.

**The TYPE tag** informs the R&S Signal Generator about the clock rate of the waveform.

**yyy** is the clock frequency at which the waveform has to be output, in Hz

To enter the TYPE tag in the SICO.WV file an ASCII editor which is able to handle binary data as well, e.g. the Microsoft Windows editor **NOTEPAD.EXE**, must be used.

Now the contents of the SICO.WV file read:

```
{TYPE: SMU-WV, 0}
{CLOCK: 10e6}
IQIQIQIQIQIQIQIQIQIQI ... IQ
```

**Step 3**

The binary data must now be packed into a WAVEFORM tag with the following structure:

```
{WAVEFORM-Length: □#IQIQIQIQIQIQIQIQIQIQI ... IQ}
```

The WAVEFORM tag consists of the following characters and data:

- { Opens each tag.
- WAVEFORM** Name of the tag for waveform.
- Separates the name from the length indication.
- Length** Length of the data set  
**Length** indicates the number of bytes of the data set and consists of:
  - + length of ",#" (1 byte)
  - + number of I/Q pairs \* 4 (2 bytes per I and per Q value).

In our example containing a sine and a cosine with 20 pairs for each wave, the resulting length is **81**.

: □ Separates the name and length from the remainder of the data set. The blank □ can be omitted.

# Indicates the beginning of the binary data.  
**IQIQIQ** Binary data set.  
 The binary data contain the I and Q values in alternate order, the first value is an I value. Each value consists of 2 Bytes, starting with the least significant bit.  
 } Terminates each tag.

The editor mentioned above which can handle binary data is now used to place the string "{WAVEFORM-81: #" in front and '}' at the end of the data set.

The contents of the waveform file SICO.WV for 20 I/Q pairs is now ready for operation and reads.

```
{TYPE: SMU-WV,0}
{CLOCK: 10e6}
{WAVEFORM-81: #IQIQIQIQIQIQ ... IQ}
```

20 I/Q pairs = 80 bytes  
81 bytes

The tags TYPE, CLOCK and WAVEFORM are mandatory for each waveform. All other tags are optional and can be inserted after the TYPE tag in arbitrary order, e.g.

```
{TYPE: SMU-WV,0}
{COMMENT: I/Q=sine/cosine, 20 points, clock 10 MHz}
{CLOCK: 10e6}
{Samples:20}
{WAVEFORM-81: #IQIQIQIQIQIQ ... IQ}
```

**C-program for creating the file SICO.TXT containing 20 sine and cosine pairs:**

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

void main(void)
{
    const unsigned int samples = 20;
    const float pi = 3.141592654;
    float grad, rad;
    FILE *fp;
    int i;

    fp = fopen("SICO.TXT", "w");
    if (fp == 0)
        return;

    for (i=0; i<samples; i++)
    {
        grad = (360.0 / (float)samples) * (float)i;
        rad = grad * (pi / 180.0);

        fprintf(fp, "%f %f\n", sin(rad), cos(rad));
    }

    fclose(fp);
}
```

Contents of the file SICO.TXT:

Sine (I)	Cosine (Q)
0.000000	1.000000
0.309017	0.951057
0.587785	0.809017
0.809017	0.587785
0.951057	0.309017
1.000000	-0.000000
0.951056	-0.309017
0.809017	-0.587785
0.587785	-0.809017
0.309017	-0.951056
-0.000000	-1.000000
-0.309017	-0.951057
-0.587785	-0.809017
-0.809017	-0.587785
-0.951056	-0.309017
-1.000000	0.000000
-0.951056	0.309017
-0.809017	0.587785
-0.587785	0.809017
-0.309017	0.951057



Extract from a C-program generating a binary data set from the I/Q pairs in the file SICO.TXT and storing the result to file SICO.WV:

```
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

void main(void)
{
    const unsigned int samples = 20; // Number of samples to convert
    FILE *fp_sour, *fp_dest;
    float i_float, q_float;
    unsigned short i_usint, q_usint;
    int i;

    fp_sour = fopen("SICO.TXT", "rt");
    if (fp_sour == 0)
        return;
    fp_dest = fopen("SICO.WV", "wb");
    if (fp_dest == 0)
    {
        fclose(fp_sour);
        return;
    }

    // Write required tags to waveform file
    fprintf(fp_dest, "{TYPE: SMU-WV,0}");
    fprintf(fp_dest, "{CLOCK: 10e6}");
    fprintf(fp_dest, "{SAMPLES: %d}", samples);
    fprintf(fp_dest, "{WAVEFORM-%d:#", (samples * 4) + 1);

    for (i=0; i<samples; i++)
    {
        // Read I/Q pair from ASCII file
        if (fscanf(fp_sour, "%f %f", &i_float, &q_float) == EOF)
            break;

        // Convert I/Q pair to unsigned short
        i_usint = (unsigned short)floor((i_float * 32767.0) + 0.5);
        q_usint = (unsigned short)floor((q_float * 32767.0) + 0.5);

        // Write converted I/Q pair to waveform file
        fwrite(&i_usint, 2, 1, fp_dest);
        fwrite(&q_usint, 2, 1, fp_dest);
    }

    fprintf(fp_dest, "}");

    fclose(fp_dest);
    fclose(fp_sour);
}
```

# SOURce:BB:DM Subsystem

## Introduction - DM General Remote-Control Commands

The commands in the Source:BB:DM subsystem are described in two sections, separated into configuring digital modulation and lists for digital modulation.

The following section contains the commands for generating the digital modulation signal.

The keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between signal generation for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

[SOURce<1>] = path A

SOURce2 = path B

The keyword SOURce is optional in the case of commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B the command must contain the keyword with suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

## DM General Remote-Control Commands

Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:ASK:DEPTH	0 ... 100	PCT	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK			Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE	SYMBOL   BIT   MSYMBOL		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER	1 ... 64		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK:SOURce	COUPled   INTernal   EXTernal		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:CODing	OFF   APCO25   APCO25FSK   CDMA2000   DIFF   DPHS   DGRay   EDGE   GRAY   GSM   ICO   NADC   PDC   PHS   TETRA   PWT   TFTS   INMarsat   VDL   WCDMa		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:ILENgtH	1...128		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:ILENgtH:AUTO	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:OSAMpling	1...32		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:OSAMpling:AUTO	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:APCO25	0.15 ... 2.5		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:COsine	0.05 ... 0.99		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:GAUSS	0.15 ... 2.5		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:LPASS	0.05 ... 2.0		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:PGAus	0.15 ... 2.5		

Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FiLTeR:PARAmeter:RCOSine	0.05 ... 0.99		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FiLTeR:PARAmeter:SPHase	0.15 ... 2.5		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FiLTeR:TYPE	RCOSine   COSine   GAUSSs   LGAuss   CONE   COF705   COEQualizer   COFequalizer   C2K3x   APCO25   SPHase   RECTangle   PGAuss   LPASS   USER		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FLiSt:SELEct	<file name>		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FORMat	ASK   BPSK   P2DBpsk   QPSK   QPSK45   OQPSK   P4QPSk   P4DQpsk   PSK8   P8D8psk   P8EDge   QAM16   QAM32   QAM64   QAM256   QAM1024   MSK   FSK2   FSK4   FSKVar		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FSK:DEVIation	0.1 x Symbol Rate ... 1.5 x Symbol Rate	Hz	
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FSK:VARiable:TYPE	4FSK   8FSK   16 FSK		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:FSK:VARiable:SYMBol<0...15>:DEVIation	-1.5 x Symbol Rate ... 1.5 x Symbol Rate (max 10 MHz)	Hz	
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:MDELay?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PATTeRn	#B0 ... #B11...1, 1...64		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:ATTenuation	0.0 ... 50	dB	
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:BBONly[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:FDELay	-4.0 ... +4.0 symbols		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:RDELay	-4.0 ... +4.0 symbols		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:SHAPE	LINear   COSine		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRAMp:TIME	0.25 ... 32 symbols		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRBS[:LENGth]	9   11   15   16   20   21   23		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:PRESet			
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:SEQuence	AUTO   RETRigger   AAUTO   ARETrigger   SINGLE		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:SLENGth	1...Max		
[SOURce<[1]]2>:]BB:DM:SOURce	ZERO   ONE   PRBS   PATTeRn   DLiSt   SERial   PARAllel   LAN   USB		

Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SRATe	400 Hz ... 15 MHz (FSK) / 27 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANdard	USER   BLUetooth   CFORward   CREVerse   DECT   ETC   GSM   GSMEdge   NADC   PDC   PHS   TDSCdma   TETRa   TFTS   W3GPp   WORLdspace		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SWITChing:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SWITChing:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:ARM:EXECute	-		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:EXECute	-		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer[:EXTernal<[1]>]:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>16</sup> - 1 Symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer[:EXTernal<[1]>]:INHibit	0 ... 2 <sup>26</sup> - 1 Symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OBASeband:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>16</sup> - 1 Symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OBASeband:INHibit	0 ... 2 <sup>26</sup> - 1 Symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>20</sup> - 1 Symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed	ON   OFF	Hz	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MAX?			Query o n l y
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MIN?			Query o n l y
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:MODE	CLISt   PULSe   PATTern   RATio		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:OFFTime	1 ... (2 <sup>20</sup> - 1) symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:ONTIME	1 ... (2 <sup>20</sup> - 1) symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PATTErn	#B0, 1 ... #B111...1,32		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:DIVider	2 ... 2 <sup>10</sup>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:FREQ?			Query o n l y
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:RMODE			Query o n l y
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:SLENgth	1 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> - 1 symbols		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGGer:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal   BEXTernal   OBASeband		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:WAVEform:CREate			No query

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:ASK:DEPT 0 ... 100 PCT

The command sets the ASK modulation depth when modulation type ASK is selected.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FORM ASK"  
'selects the ASK modulation type.

"BB:DM:ASK:DEPT 50 PCT"  
'sets a modulation depth of 50 percent.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
100 PCT		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE SYMBol | BIT | MSYMBol

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command enters the type of externally supplied clock (:BB:DM:CLOCK:SOURce EXTERNAL). The bit clock and the symbol clock differ only in the case of modulations that have more than two states, i.e. that require more than one bit for encoding each state. When MSYMBOL is used, a multiple of the symbol clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector and the symbol clock is derived internally from this. The multiplier is entered with the command :BB:DM:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER.

For two-path instruments, the only numerical suffix allowed for SOURce is 1, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE SYMB"  
'selects clock type **Symbols**, i.e. the supplied clock is a symbol clock.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
SYMBOL		It is not possible to select BIT and MSYMBOL in the case of an external serial or external parallel data source (not available) (SOUR:BB:DM:SOUR SER and PAR).	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER 1 ... 64

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command specifies the multiplier for clock type **Multiple Symbols** (:BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE MSYM) in the case of an external clock source.

For two-path instruments, the only numerical suffix allowed for SOURce is 1, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLOCK:SOUR EXT"  
'selects the external clock source. The clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.

"BB:DM:CLOCK:MODE MSYM"  
'selects clock type **Multiple Symbols**, i.e. the supplied clock has a rate which is a multiple of the symbol rate.

"BB:DM:CLOCK:MULT 12"  
'the multiplier for the external clock rate is 12.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
4		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:CLOCK:SOURce COUPLed | INTernal | EXTernal

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the source for the digital modulation clock.

For two-path instruments, selecting COUPLed and EXTernal is only possible for path A, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Parameter: IINTernal**

The internal clock reference is used.

**EXTernal**

The external clock reference is supplied to the CLOCK connector.

**COUPLed**

The clock reference (internal or external) is selected automatically according to the selected data source.

**Example:**

"BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR INT"  
'selects the internal clock reference.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
INTernal		When COUPLed is selected and the data source is changed (:BB:DM:DATA:SOUR) the clock source is automatically changed correspondingly as well	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:CODing OFF|APCO25|APCO25FSK|CDMA2000|DIFF|DPHS|DGRay|EDGE|GRAY|GSM|ICO|NADC|PDC|PHS|TETRA|PWT|TFTS|INMarsat|VDL|WCDMa

The command selects the modulation coding.

**Parameter: DPHS**

Phase Difference

**DGRay**

Difference + Gray

...

**Example:**

"BB:DM:COD GRAY"  
'selects GRAY coding. This coding is valid for all modulation types.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
INTernal		If the modulation type selected (:BB:DM:FORM) is not possible with the coding that has been set, it is automatically set to OFF (:BB:DM:COD OFF). When a standard is selected (:BB:DM:STAN), the coding is set to the default value.	Instrum-ent-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:ILENgtH 1...128

**Note:**  
 This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.

The command sets the impulse length (number of filter tabs).

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:ILEN 10"  
 'sets the number of filter tabs to 10.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:ILENgtH:AUTO ON | OFF

**Note:**  
 This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.

The command activates/deactivates the impulse length state. If activated, the most sensible parameter values are selected. The value depends on the coherence check.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:ILEN:AUTO ON"  
 'the most sensible parameters are selected automatically.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:OSAMpling 1...32

**Note:**  
 This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.

The command sets the upsampling factor.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:OSAM 32"  
 'sets the upsampling factor to 32.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
32		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:OSAMpling:AUTO ON | OFF

**Note:**  
 This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.

The command activates/deactivates the upsampling factor state. If activated, the most sensible parameter values are selected. The value depends on the coherence check. If deactivated, the values can be changed manually.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:OSAM:AUTO ON"  
 'the most sensible parameters are selected automatically.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:APCO25 0.05 ... 0.99**

The command sets the roll-off factor for filter type APCO25.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:APCO25 0.2"  
'sets the roll-off factor to 0.2 for filter type APCO25.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
0.20		On selecting filter APCO25, the filter parameter is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:COSSine 0.05 ... 0.99**

The command sets the roll-off factor for the Cosine filter type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:COSS 0.35"  
'sets the roll-off factor to 0.35 for filter type Cosine.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
0.35		On selecting the Cosine filter , the filter parameter is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:GAUSS 0.15 ... 2.5**

The command sets the roll-off factor for the Gauss filter type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:GAUSS 0.5"  
'sets B x T to 0.5 for the Gauss filter type.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
0.3		On selecting the GAUSS filter or a standard (:BB:DM:STAN) which uses the GAUSS filter, the filter parameter is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:PGAuss 0.15 ... 2.5**

The command sets the roll-off factor for the Pure Gauss filter type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:PGA 0.5"  
'sets B x T to 0.5 for the Pure Gauss filter type.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
0.5		On selecting the Pure GAUSS filter the filter parameter is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:LPASS 0.05 ... 2.0**

The command sets the cut off frequency factor for the Lowpass filter type. The value range depends on the set symbol rate.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:LPAS 0.5"  
'the cut of frequency factor is set to 0.5.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0.50		Device-specific



**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:RCOSine 0.05 ... 0.99**

The command sets the roll-off factor for the Root Cosine filter type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:RCOS 0.22"  
'sets the roll-off factor to 0.22 for filter type Root Cosine.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
0.35		On selecting the Root Cosine filter or a standard (:BB:DM:STAN) which uses the Root Cosine filter, the filter parameter is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:SPHase 0.15 ... 2.5**

The command sets B x T for the Split Phase filter type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:PAR:SPH 0.5"  
'sets B x T to 0.5 for the Split Phase filter type.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
0.35		On selecting the Split Phase filter or a standard (:BB:DM:STAN) which uses the Split Phase filter, the filter parameter is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FILTer:TYPE RCOSine | COSine | GAUSs | LGAuss | CONE | COF705 | COEqualizer | COFequalizer | C2K3x | APCO25 | SPHase | RECTangle | PGAuss | LPASs | USER**

The command selects the filter type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FILT:TYPE COS"  
'selects the Cosine filter type.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
GAUSs		When a standard is selected (:BB:DM:STAN), the filter type and filter parameter are set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FLISt:SElect <file name>**

The command selects the user-defined filter (\*.vaf).

The directory applicable to the following command is defined with the command `MMEMory:CDIR`. To access the files in this directory, only the file name is required, without the path and the file extension.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\Filter\_List"  
'selects the directory for the user-defined filters.  
"BB:DM:FLIS:SEL user\_filter3"  
'selects the user-defined filter.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:FORMat ASK | BPSK | QPSK | QPSK45 | OQPSk | P4QPsk | P2DBpsk | P4DQpsk | P8D8psk | PSK8 | P8EDge | QAM16 | QAM32 | QAM64 | QAM256 | QAM1024 | MSK | FSK2 | FSK4 | FSKVar**

The command selects the modulation type.

**Example:** "BB:DM:FORM QPSK"  
'selects modulation type QPSK.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
MSK		If the coding that is set (:BB:DM:COD) is not possible with the modulation type selected, it is automatically set to OFF (:BB:DM:COD OFF). When a standard is selected (:DM:STAN), the modulation type is set to the default value.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FSK:DEVIation <numeric\_value>**

The command sets the frequency deviation when FSK modulation is selected. The range of values depends on the symbol rate that is set (see data sheet) and the maximum deviation is 10 MHz.

**Example:**           "BB:DM:FORM FSK"  
                          'selects FSK modulation.  
  
                          "BB:DM:FSK:DEV 10 MHz"  
                          'sets the frequency deviation to 10 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
Symbol rate/2		If the symbol rate that is set exceeds the maximum possible value for the chosen frequency deviation, it is suitably adapted (:BB:DM:SRAT).	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FSK:VARiable:SYMBOL<0...15>:DEVIation <numeric\_value>**

The command sets the deviation of the selected symbol for variable FSK modulation mode. The number of symbols (and therefore the suffix range) depends on the selected FSK modulation type. The range of values depends on the symbol rate that is set (see data sheet) and the maximum deviation is 10 MHz.

**Example:**           "BB:DM:FORM FSKV"  
                          'selects Variable FSK modulation.  
  
                          "BB:DM:FSK:VAR:TYPE FSK16"  
                          'selects 16FSK modulation.  
  
                          "BB:DM:FSK:VAR:SYMBOL:DEV 135000"  
                          'sets the frequency deviation of the least significant symbol to 135 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:FSK:VARiable:TYPE FSK4 | FSK8 | FSK16**

The command selects the modulation type for Variable FSK.

**Example:**           "BB:DM:FORM FSKV"  
                          'selects Variable FSK modulation.  
  
                          "BB:DM:FSK:VAR:TYPE FSK16"  
                          'selects 16FSK modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:MDELay?**

The command queries the digital modulation delay from the data input to the I/Q output in the case of external modulation.

This command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:MDEL?"  
'queries the delay in the case of external modulation.  
Response: '0.4 ms'  
'the delay is 0.4 ms.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:PATTern #B0 ... #B111...1, 1...64**

The command selects the data pattern for the internal data when PATTern is selected as the data source. The maximum length is 64 bits.

**Example:** "BB:DM:SOUR PATT"  
'selects Pattern as the data source for digital modulation.  
"BB:DM:PATT #B01110111010101010,17"  
'generates the user-defined sequence of 0/1 data.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
#B0,1		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:ATTenuation 0.0 ... 70 dB**

The command sets the level attenuation for signal ranges that are flagged with level attribute **attenuated** by the LEV\_ATT control signal.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:ATT 15 dB"  
'sets a level attenuation of 15 dB.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
15 dB		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:BBONly[:STATe] ON | OFF****Note:**

*This command is available for SMx instruments only.*

This command selects power ramping in the baseband only or mixed power ramping in the baseband and the RF section.

The **ON** setting is mandatory if, with power ramping active, only the baseband signal is output (I/Q outputs), or, in case of two-path instruments, if a baseband signal is applied to two RF paths (RF A and RF B).

Only then can a signal with a defined, predictable level be output.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:BBON ON"  
'selects power ramping in the baseband only.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:FDElay - 4.0 ... + 4.0 Symbols**

The command sets the delay in the falling edge. A positive value gives rise to a delay and a negative value causes an advance. The setting is expressed in symbols.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:FDEL 1"  
'the falling edge starts 1 symbol later.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols	0l	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:RDElay - 4.0 ... + 4.0 Symbols**

The command sets the delay in the rising edge. A positive value gives rise to a delay and a negative value causes an advance. The setting is expressed in symbols.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:RDEL 1"  
'the rising edge starts 1 symbol later.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols	0l	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:SHAPE LINear | COSine**

The command sets the edge shape of the ramp envelope.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:SHAP COS"  
'selects a cosine-shaped rise and fall for the transmitted power edge.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
COSine		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal**

The command sets the source for the power ramp control signals.

**Parameter: INTernal**  
The internal control signals LEV\_ATT and BURST are used. Control signals are stored in dedicated lists. When remote control is in use, the list to be used is defined, selected and enabled with the aid of SOURce:BB:DM:CLIST:... commands.

**EXTernal**  
The digital control signals LEV\_ATT and BURST are supplied via the control signal inputs on the AUX I/O connector.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:SOUR EXT"  
'enables the use of external control signals for power ramp control. The signals must be supplied via the AUX I/O interface.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRAMP[:STATE] ON | OFF

The command enables or disables power ramping.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:STAT ON"  
'switches power ramping on.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRAMP:TIME 0.25 ... 16 Symbols

The command sets the power ramping rise time and fall time for a burst.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRAM:TIME 2"  
'sets a time of 2 symbols for the edges to rise and fall.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 symbol	0.1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRBS[:LENGTH] 9 | 11 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 21 | 23

The command defines the length of the pseudo-random sequence in accordance with the following equation:

$$\text{Length} = (2^{\text{LENGTH}}) - 1$$

**Example:** "BB:DM:SOUR PRBS"  
'the internal pseudo-random generator is used as the data source.  
"BB:DM:PRBS 9"  
'an internal pseudo-random sequence of 511 bits will be generated.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
9		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:PRESet

The command calls the default settings for digital modulation.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:PRESet"  
'calls the default settings for DM.

*RST value	Dependencies	SCPI
-	:BB:DM:CLOC:DEL 0 :BB:DM:CLOC:MODE SYMB :BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR INT :BB:DM:CLOC:COD GSM :BB:DM:FILT:PAR:APC 0.2 :BB:DM:FILT:PAR:COS 0.35 :BB:DM:FILT:PAR:GAUS 0.5 :BB:DM:FILT:PAR:RCOS 0.22 :BB:DM:FILT:PAR:SPH 0.1 :BB:DM:FILT:TYPE RCOS :BB:DM:FORM MSK :BB:DM:FSK:DEV 135.417kHz :BB:DM:PATT #H0,1 :BB:DM:PRAM:ATT 15 dB :BB:DM:PRAM:ROFF 0 :BB:DM:PRAM:FOFF 0 :BB:DM:PRAM:SHAP COS	Device-specific

*RST value	Dependencies	SCPI
	:BB:DM:PRAM:SOUR INT :BB:DM:PRAM OFF :BB:DM:PRAM:TIME 1 Symb :BB:DM:PRBS 9 :BB:DM:SEQ AUTO :BB:DM:SOUR PRBS :BB:DM:SRAT 270.833 kHz :BB:DM:STAN GSM :BB:DM:TRIG:DEL 0 :BB:DM:TRIG:INH 0 :BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL 0 :BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:MODE FRAM :BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:PER 1 :BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT	

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:SEquence AUTO | RETRigger | AAUTo | ARETrigger | SINGLE

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the trigger mode.

**Parameter:**

**AUTO**

The modulation signal is generated continuously.

**RETRigger**

The modulation signal is generated continuously. A trigger event (internal or external) causes a restart.

**AAUTo**

The modulation signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event the signal is generated continuously. Signal generation is stopped with command SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:ARM:EXEC and started again when a trigger event occurs.

**ARETrigger**

The modulation signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. The device automatically toggles to RETRIG mode. Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart. Signal generation is stopped with command SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:ARM:EXEC and started again when a trigger event occurs.

**SINGLE**

The modulation signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event the signal is generated once to the set sequence length (SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SLEN). Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart.

**Example:**

"BB:DM:SEQ AAUT"

'sets the **Armed\_auto** trigger mode; the device waits for the first trigger (e.g. with \*TRG) and then generates the signal continuously.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:SLENgth 1...Max

**Note:**

*This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.*

Sets the sequence length of the signal in symbols. The signal is calculated in advance, saved as waveform file, and output in the selected arbitrary waveform generator.

**Note:**

Sequence Length x Oversampling must not exceed the maximum number of samples in the arbitrary waveform generator.

**Example:** "BB:DM:SLEN 500"  
'sets the sequence length to 500 symbols.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10.000		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:DM:SOURce ZERO | ONE | PRBS | PATtern | DLISt | SERial | PARallel

The command selects the data source.

**Parameter: ZERO**

An internally generated 0 data sequence is used.

**ONE**

An internally generated 1 data sequence is used.

**PRBS**

The pseudo-random sequence generator is used as the data source. The length of the random sequence is defined with the aid of command SOURce:BB:DM:PRBS.

**PATtern**

Internally generated data with a fixed pattern is used. The data pattern is defined using command SOURce:BB:DM:PATtern.

**DLISt**

Data from the selected data list is used.

**SERial**

External data from the serial interface is used (in case of two-path instruments, path A).

**PARallel**

External data from the serial interface is used (in case of two-path instruments, path A).

**Example:** "BB:DM:SOUR DLIS"  
'the internal data generator is used.'

"BB:DM:DLIS:SEL 'test'"  
'the data list 'test.dm\_iqd' is used.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
PRBS		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:DM:SRATe 400 Hz ... 15 MHz (FSK) / 25 MHz

The command sets the symbol rate. The value range is dependent on the selected modulation type. On changing to an FSK modulation type, excessively high values are automatically limited to the maximum value that can be set for FSK (see data sheet). The symbol rate can be entered in Hz/kHz/MHz or Symb/s / kSymb/s and MSymb/s.

When a standard is selected (DM:STANdard), the symbol rate is automatically set to the appropriate default value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:SRAT 10 MHz"  
'sets a symbol rate of 10 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
270.833 kHz		The value range is dependent on the selected modulation type (:BB:DM:FORM). When a standard is selected (:BB:DM:STAN), the symbol rate is set to the default value.	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD USER | BLUetooth | CFORward | CREVerse | DECT | ETC | GSM | GSMEdge | NADC | PDC | PHS | TDSCdma | TETRa | TFTS | W3GPp | WORLdspace

The command selects the standard. After selection, modulation parameters **Modulation Type**, **Symbol Rate**, **Filter** and **Coding** are automatically set in accordance with the standard. The USER parameter cannot be set. A query returns this value if a user-defined Custom Dig Mod setting was loaded or if one of the associated settings was changed subsequent to the selection of a standard. The user defined settings are stored and loaded with commands :BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:... (see following section "[Introduction - DM Lists - Remote-Control Commands](#)").

**Example:** "BB:DM:STAN DECT"  
'selects digital modulation according to the DECT standard.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependency	SCPI
GSM		Each selection sets the parameters :BB:DM:FORMat :BB:DM:SRATe :BB:DM:FILTer:TYPE :BB:DM:FILTer:PARAmeter:... :BB:DM:CODing and if necessary :BB:DM:FSK:DEV to the appropriate default values.	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STATe ON | OFF

The command enables or disables digital modulation. Switching on digital modulation turns off all the other digital standards (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path).

**Example:** "BB:DM:STAT ON"  
'switches digital modulation on.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependency	SCPI
OFF		:BB:DM:STAT ON turns off all the other standards (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path).	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SWITChing:SOURce INTERNAL | EXTERNAL

The command selects the source of the CW control signal for switching between a modulated and an unmodulated signal.

**Parameter: INTERNAL**  
The CW signal in the control list is used for the control. The internal signal can be output on one of the user interfaces.

**EXTERNAL**  
The control signal on the CW pin of the AUX I/Q connector is used (in case of two-path instruments, path A and B).



**Example:** "BB:DM:SWIT INT"  
'the CW signal in the control list is used for the control.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:SWITching:STATE ON | OFF**

The command enables switching between a modulated and an unmodulated signal.

**Example:** "BB:DM:SWIT:STAT INT"  
'CW switching is active.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:ARM:EXECute**

**Note:**  
*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command stops signal generation for trigger modes Armed\_Auto and Armed\_Retrigger. A subsequent internal or external trigger event restart signal generation.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
'sets internal triggering.  
"BB:DM:TRIG:SEQ ARET"  
'sets Armed\_Retrigger mode, i.e. every trigger event causes signal generation to restart.  
"BB:DM:TRIG:EXEC"  
'executes a trigger, signal generation is started.  
"BB:DM:TRIG:ARM:EXEC"  
'signal generation is stopped.  
"BB:DM:TRIG:EXEC"  
'executes a trigger, signal generation is started again.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:EXECute**

**Note:**  
*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command executes a trigger. The internal trigger source must be selected using the command :BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT and a trigger mode other than AUTO must be selected using the command :BB:DM:TRIG:SEQ.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
'sets internal triggering.  
"BB:DM:TRIG:SEQ RETR"  
'sets Retrigger mode, i.e. every trigger event causes signal generation to restart.

"BB:DM:TRIG:EXEC"  
'executes a trigger.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger[:EXTErnal<[1]|2>]:DELay 0 ... 2<sup>16</sup>-1 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command specifies the trigger delay (expressed as a number of symbols) for external triggering. The numeric suffix to EXTErnal distinguishes between the external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 (suffix 1) and TRIGGER 2 (suffix 2) connector.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
'selects an external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

"BB:DM:TRIG:DEL 50"  
'sets a delay of 50 symbols for the trigger.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols	for :BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR EXT	Device-specific
	0.01 symbols for :BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR INT	

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger[:EXTErnal<[1]|2>]:INHibit 0 ... 2<sup>26</sup>-1 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command specifies the number of symbols by which a restart is to be inhibited following a trigger event. This command applies only in the case of external triggering. The numeric suffix to EXTErnal distinguishes between the external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 (suffix 1) and TRIGGER 2 (suffix 2) connector.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
'selects an external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

"BB:DM:TRIG:INH 200"  
'sets a restart inhibit for 200 symbols following a trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OBASeband:DELay 0 ... 2<sup>16</sup>-1 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for SMx and AMU two-path instruments only.*

The command specifies the trigger delay (expressed as a number of symbols) for triggering by the trigger signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR OBAS"  
'sets for path A the internal trigger executed by the trigger signal from the second path (path B).

"BB:DM:TRIG:OBAS:DEL 50"  
 sets a delay of 50 symbols for the trigger.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols	for :BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR EXT  0.01 symbols for :BB:DM:CLOC:SOUR INT	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OBASband:INHibit 0 ... 2<sup>26</sup>-1 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for SMx and AMU two-path instruments only.*

The command specifies the number of symbols by which a restart is to be inhibited following a trigger event. This command applies only for triggering by the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR OBAS"  
 'sets for path A the internal trigger executed by the trigger signal from the second path (path B).

"BB:DM:TRIG:INH 200"  
 'sets a restart inhibit for 200 symbols following a trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay 0 ... 100 000 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the delay between the signal on the marker outputs and the start of the signal, expressed in terms of symbols. Command :BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed can be used to restrict the range of values to the dynamic range, i.e. the range within which a delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL 16"  
 'sets a delay of 16 symbols for the signal on connector MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 symbols		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON | OFF

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command restricts the marker delay setting range to the dynamic range. In this range the delay can be set without restarting the marker and signal. If a delay is entered in setting ON but is outside this range, the maximum possible delay is set and an error message is generated.

The numeric suffix in OUTPut has no significance for this command, since the setting always affects every marker.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
 'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MAXimum

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the maximum marker delay for setting :BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MAX"  
'queries the maximum of the dynamic range.

Response: "2000"  
'the maximum for the marker delay setting is 2000 symbols.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MINimum

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the minimum marker delay for setting :BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MIN"  
'queries the minimum of the dynamic range.

Response: "0"  
'the minimum for the marker delay setting is 0 symbols.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:MODE CLISt | PULSe | PATTErn | RATio

The command defines the signal for the selected marker output.

**Parameter:** CLISt

A marker signal that is defined in the selected control list is generated.

**PULSe**

A pulsed marker signal is generated. The pulse frequency (= symbol rate/divider) is defined with the SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:PULSe:DIVider command and can be queried with the SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP:PULSe:FREQuency? command.

**PATTErn**

A marker signal is generated with the aid of a user-definable bit pattern. The bit pattern is entered with the aid of command SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:PATTErn . The bit pattern is a maximum of 32 bits long.

**RATio**

A regular marker signal corresponding to the Time Off / Time On specifications in the commands `SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:OFFT` and `SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:ONT` is generated.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PULS"`  
 'selects the pulsed marker signal on output MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
RATio		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:OFFTime 1 ... 2^20 -1 symbol**

The command sets the number of symbols in a period (ON time + OFF time) during which the marker signal in setting `SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE RATio` on the marker outputs is OFF.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:OFFT 20"`  
 'sets an OFF time of 20 symbols for marker signal 2 (in case of two-path instruments, on path A).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:ONTime 1 ... 2^20 -1 symbol**

The command sets the number of symbols in a period (ON time + OFF time) during which the marker signal in setting `SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE RATio` on the marker outputs is ON.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:ONT 20"`  
 'sets an ON time of 20 symbols for marker 2 (in case of two-path instruments, on path A).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PATtern #B0,1 ... #B111...1, 2**

The command defines the bit pattern used to generate the marker signal in the setting `SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE PATtern`. 0 is marker off, 1 is marker on.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:PATT #B000000011111111,15"`  
 'sets a bit pattern.  
`"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PATT"`  
 'activates the marker signal according to a bit pattern on output MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
#B,1		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:DIVider 2 ... 2^10

The command sets the divider for Pulse marker mode (SOUR:BB:DM:TRIGr:OUTP:MODE PULSe.). The resulting pulse frequency is derived by dividing the symbol rate by the divider.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:DIV 2"  
 'sets the divider to 2 for the (in case of two path instruments, path A) marker signal on output MARKER 2.

"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:FREQ?"  
 'queries the resulting pulse frequency of the marker signal.

Response: "66 000"  
 'the resulting pulse frequency is 66 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
2		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:FREQUency?

The command queries the pulse frequency of the pulsed marker signal in the setting SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE PULSe. The pulse frequency is derived by dividing the symbol rate by the divider.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:DIV 2"  
 'sets the divider (in case of two-path instruments; for the path A) marker signal on output MARKER 2 to the value 2.

"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PULS"  
 'enables the pulsed marker signal.

"BB:DM:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:FREQ?"  
 'queries the pulse frequency of the marker signal.

Response: "33 000"  
 'the resulting pulse frequency is 33 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:RMODE

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command displays the status of signal generation for all trigger modes with digital modulation on.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Parameter:** **RUN**  
 The signal is generated. A trigger event occurred in the triggered mode.

**STOP**  
 The signal is not generated. A trigger event did not occur in the triggered modes, or signal generation was stopped by the command  
 :BB:DM:TRIG:ARM:EXECute (armed trigger modes only).

**Example:** "SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
 'sets external triggering via the TRIGGER 1 connector.  
 "SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:MODE ARET"  
 'selects the Armed\_Retrigger mode  
 "SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:RMOD?"  
 'queries the current status of signal generation.  
 Response: "RUN"  
 'the signal is generated, an external trigger was executed.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:SEnGth 1 ... (2^32-1) Symbols

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command defines the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode.

**Example:** "SOUR:BB:DM:SEQ SING"  
 'sets trigger mode Single.  
 "SOUR:BB:DM:TRIG:SLEN 200"  
 'sets a sequence length of 200 symbols. 200 symbols will be output after the next trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1000 Symbols	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:TRIGger:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal | BEXTernal | OBASeband

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command selects the trigger source.

**Parameter:** **INTernal**  
 Triggering is executed by means of the Trigger command  
 SOURce:BB:DM:TRIGger:EXECute, TRIGger:BB:DM:IMMediate or  
 \*TRG in the case of remote control and by means of **Execute Trigger** in the  
 case of manual operation.  
**EXTernal**  
 Triggering is executed by means of the signal on the TRIGGER 1 connector.  
**BEXTernal**  
 Triggering is executed by means of the signal on the TRIGGER 2 connector.  
**OBASeband**  
 Triggering is executed by means of the trigger signal from the second path  
 (two-path instruments only).

**Example:** ":BB:DM:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
 'sets external triggering via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:WAVeform:CREate <file\_name>**

**Note:**

*This command is available for WinIQSIM2 only.*

This command creates a waveform using the current settings of the **Digital Modulation** menu. The file name is entered with the command. The file is stored with the predefined file extension **\*.wv**. The file name and the directory it is stored in are user-definable.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no **\*RST** value and no query form.

**Example:**

```
"MEM:CDIR 'D:\user\waveform"
'sets the default directory to D:\user\waveform.

"BB:DM:WAV:CRE 'dm_1'"
'creates the waveform file dm_1.wv in the default directory.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		device-specific



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The following section brings together the commands for defining and managing the data lists and control lists for digital modulation.

Lists are stored as files with specific file extensions in a user-definable directory (see table). The directory which applies to the commands that follow is defined using the command `MMEMORY:CDIR`. Files in this directory can be accessed by quoting the file name. The path and extension are not needed.

List type	Content	File extension
Data List	Digital modulation data	*.dm_iqd
Control List	Digital modulation control data	*.dm_iqc
User Standards	User settings of digital modulation	*.dm_stu

It is not possible to use other file extensions with the commands. Attempting to do so will cause an error message. If the file extension is changed in any other way (e.g. by directly accessing the file system) the lists are no longer recognized and therefore invalid.

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Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:COPIY	<new_control_list_name>		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:DATA	0   1, {0   1}   block data		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:DELeTe	<control_list_name>		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:POINts			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:SELeCt	<control_list_name>		Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIST:TAG?	<control_list_name>, <tag_name>		Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:COPIY	<new_data_list_name>		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:DATA	0   1, {0   1}   block data		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:DATA:APPend	0   1, {0   1}   block data		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:DELeTe	<data_list_name>		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:POINts			
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:SELeCt	<data_list_name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIST:TAG?	<data_list_name>, <tag_name>		Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:MLIST:SELeCt	<user_mapping_list_name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SETTING:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SETTING:DELeTe	"setting_file"		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SETTING:LOAD	"setting_file"		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DMSETTING:STORE	"setting_file"		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:DELeTe	"user_list"		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:LOAD	"user_list"		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:STORE	"user_list"		No query

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:CATalog?**

The command queries the control lists present in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. When the names of the lists are returned they are separated by commas. The command only reads out files with the `*.dm_iqc` extension.

The control lists contain the control signals for digital modulation.

The command is a query command and therefore has no `*RST` value.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:CLIS:CAT?"`  
 'queries which control lists are present in the default directory.  
 Response: `"c_list1","c_list2","c_list3"`  
 'control lists `c_list1`, `c_list2`, and `c_list3` are present.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:COPY <list name>**

The command copies the selected control list into the control list specified by `<list_name>`. If a control list with the specified name does not yet exist, it is created.

The source file has to be available in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can be specified, in which case the source file is copied into the file `<list_name>` in the specified directory. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_iqc` will be copied.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no `*RST` value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:CLIS:SEL 'c_list1'"`  
 'selects control list `c_list1`.  
`"BB:DM:CLIS:COPY 'c_list4'"`  
 'copies the content of control list `c_list1` into control list `c_list4`. If this list already exists, its content is overwritten. If the list does not yet exist, it is created.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:DATA 0...255 | block data**

The command sends the data to the currently selected control list. If the list already contains data, it is overwritten. This command only writes data into the data section of the file.

The values for the control signals are sent, arranged in a 8-bit value as follows:

Signal	Order	Decimal value of bits
Marker 1	LSBit	1
Marker 2		2
Marker 3		4
Marker 4		8
Burst =		16
LevAtt1		32
CWMod		64
Hop	MSBit	128

The data can also be sent as a binary block, each binary block being a 2-byte value in which the 16 bits represent the binary values (16-bit unsigned integer, 2 bytes, LSByte first). When binary data transmission is in use, command :SYSTEM:COMMunicate:GPIB:LTERminator EOI should be used to set the termination character mode to 'EOI control data message only' so that a random LF in the data sequence is not interpreted as End, thereby prematurely terminating the data transmission. The command ...LTER STANDard resets the mode.

For query purposes, the command :FORMat ASCII | PACKed can be used to switch between the formats. The byte sequence is defined in the IEC bus standard as 'most significant byte first'.

\*RST has no effect on data lists. This command is without query.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLIS:SEL 'c\_list1'"  
 'selects the control list.  
 "BB:DM:CLIS:DATA 0,0,0,0,8,8,8,0,0,0,0..."  
 'enters the control values in list c\_list1. In the example, only ramps for marker 4 are set.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:DELete <list name>**

The command deletes the specified control list from the default directory. The default directory is set using command MMEM:CDIRectory. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are deleted. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension \*.dm\_iqc will be deleted.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLIS:DEL 'c\_list3'"  
 'deletes control list c\_list3.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:POINts?**

The command queries the number of lines (2 bytes) in the currently selected list.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLIS:SEL "c\_list1""  
 'selects control list c\_list1.  
 "BB:DM:CLIS:POIN?"  
 'queries the number of lines in the control list.

Response: "20"  
 'the control list consists of 20 lines.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:TAG? <control\_list\_name>, <tag\_name>**

The command queries the content of the specified tag in the selected file.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLIS:TAG 'c\_list1', 'date'  
'queries the Date tag in control list c\_list1.

**Response:** "10.10.2003"  
'the control list was created on 10.10.2003.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:CLIS:SElect <list name>**

The command selects the control list in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `M MEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are selected. If a control list with the specified name does not yet exist, it is created. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_iqc` will be selected or created.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:CLIS:SEL 'c\_list1'"  
'selects control list c\_list1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIS:CATalog?**

The command queries the data lists present in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `M MEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. When the names of the lists are returned they are separated by commas. The command only reads out files with the `*.dm_iqd` extension.

The data lists contain the modulation data for digital modulation.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value. The numeric suffix on `SOURce<[1]>` is ignored in this command.

**Example:** "BB:DM:DLIS:CAT?"  
'queries which data lists are present.

**Response:** "d\_list1", "d\_list2", "d\_list3"  
'data lists d\_list1, d\_list2, d\_list3 are present.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIS:COpy <list name>**

The command copies the selected data list into the data list specified by `<list_name>`. If a data list with the specified name already exists, it is overwritten. If it does not yet exist, it is created.

The source file has to be available in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `M MEM:CDIRectory`. A path can be specified, in which case the source file is copied into the file `<list_name>` in the specified directory. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_iqc` will be copied.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:DLIS 'd\_list1'"  
 'selects data list d\_list1.  
 "BB:DM:DLIS:COPY 'd\_list2'"  
 'copies the content of data list d\_list1 into data list d\_list2. Any existing content in data list d\_list2 is overwritten.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:DLIS:DATA 0 | 1 {0 | 1 }.| block data

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:DLIS:DATA? [<start>[,<length>]]

**The setting command** sends the bit data to the data list selected with the aid of :BB:DM:DLIS:SELEct. Any existing content in the data list is overwritten. This command only writes data into the data section of the file.

This command sends the bit data to the selected data list, which is overwritten. The data can also be sent as block data in binary or PACKed format (see section Parameters, block data), each byte being interpreted as 8 data bits. In this case, command :SYSTem:COMMunicate:GPIB:LTERminator EOI should be used to set the termination character mode to 'EOI control data message only' so that a random LF in the data sequence is not interpreted as End, thereby prematurely terminating the data transmission. The command ...LTER STAN resets the mode.

**Example:** "BB:DM:DLIS:SEL 'dlist1'"  
 'selects data list dlist1. If the file does not yet exist, it is created.  
 "BB:DM:DLIS:DATA 1,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,0,1..."  
 'sends the specified data to file dlist1. Any data already present is overwritten.

**The query** reads out the data part of the data list. If the query is expanded by using the two parameters <start> and <length>, the list is read out in smaller sections. Start and Length are expressed in bits. Without the parameters the total length is always read out starting from address 1. The command :FORMat ASCii | PACKed can be used to select the data format. The byte sequence is defined in the IEC bus standard (read/write most significant byte first).

**Example:** "BB:DM:DLIS:SEL 'dlist1'"  
 'selects data list dlist1.  
 "FORM ASCII"  
 'selects ASCII data transmission format.  
 "BB:DM:DLIS:DATA? 2048,1024"  
 'queries the data starting at bit 2048 for 1024 bits.

\*RST has no effect on data lists.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:DM:DLIS:DATA:APPend 0 | 1 {0 | 1 }.** block data

The command appends the bit data onto the end of the existing data in the selected data list. This means that existing content in the data list is not overwritten. By this means very long data lists can be built up piecemeal. The data format is as specified in command SOURce:BB:DM:DLIS:DATA.

The command cannot be used with an empty data list, such as one that has just been created, for example. In this case the command SOURce:BB:DM:DLIS:DATA must first be used to enter modulation data in the list.

\*RST has no effect on data lists.

```

Example 1:      "BB:DM:DLIS:SEL ' d_list2'"
                  'selects data list d_list2.

                  "FORM ASC"
                  'selects ASCII data transmission format.

                  "BB:DM:DLIS:DATA:APP 1,1,1,0,0,0,1,1,0,1..."
                  'adds the specified numeric data to the existing data in data list d_list2.
    
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:DM:DLIS:DELeTe <list name>**

The command deletes the specified data list. from the default directory. The default directory is set using command MMEM:CDIRectory. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are deleted. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension \*.dm\_iqd will be deleted.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form. The numeric suffix on SOURce<[1]2> is ignored in this command.

```

Example:      "BB:DM:DLIS:DEL ' d_list2'"
                  'deletes data list d_list2.
    
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:DM:DLIS:POINts <n>**

The command defines the number of bits in the selected data list to be utilized. When a list is being filled with block data, this data is only ever sent in multiples of 8 bits. However the exact number of bits to be exploited can be set to a different figure. The superfluous bits in the list are then ignored.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

```

Example:      "BB:DM:DLIS:POIN 234"
                  'defines the number of bits in the data list to be utilized as 234 bits. If the list
                  was filled with block data, at least the last 6 bits will be ignored.
    
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIS:SElect <list name>**

The command selects the data list in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are selected. If a data list with the specified name does not yet exist, it is created. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_iqd` will be selected or created.

The modulation data in this data list is used when the data source is selected using the command `"SOURce:BB:DM:SOURce DLIS"`.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:DLIS:SEL ' d_list2'"`  
 'selects data list d\_list2.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:DLIS:TAG? <control\_list\_name>, <tag\_name>**

The command queries the content of the specified tag in the selected file.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:DLIS:TAG 'D_list1', 'date'"`  
 'queries the Date tag in control list D\_list1.'

Response: `"10.10.2003"`  
 'the data list was created on 10.10.2003.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:MLIS:SElect <mapping\_list\_name>**

The command selects the user mapping list in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are selected. If a user mapping list with the specified name does not yet exist, it is created. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.vam` will be selected or created.

The command triggers an action and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:MLIS:SEL 'c_list1'"`  
 'selects the user mapping list c\_list1.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:DM:SETTing:CATalog?**

This command reads out the files with Custom Digital Modulation settings in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. Only files with the file extension `*.dm` will be listed.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\dig\_mod"  
 'sets the default directory to D:\user\dig\_mod.  
 "BB:DM:SETT:CAT?"  
 'reads out all the files with Custom Digital Modulation settings in the default directory.  
 Response: "'DM\_1'"  
 'the file 'DM\_1' with Custom Digital Modulation settings is available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:SETTing:DELeTe <file\_name>**

This command deletes the selected file with Custom Digital Modulation settings. The directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm` will be deleted.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:DEL 'DM\_1'"  
 'deletes file 'DM\_1'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:SETTing:LOAD <file\_name>**

This command loads the selected file with Custom Digital Modulation settings. The directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm` will be loaded.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:LOAD 'DM\_1'"  
 'loads file 'DM\_1'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:DM:SETTing:STORe <file\_name>**

This command stores the current Custom Digital Modulation settings into the selected file. The directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRectory`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. Only the file name has to be entered. User Standards are stored as files with the specific file extensions `*.dm`.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:STOR 'DM\_QAM'"  
 'stores the current Custom Digital Modulation settings into file 'DM\_QAM'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific



**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:CATALOG?**

This command reads out the files with Digital Standard settings in the default directory. The default directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRECTORY`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_stu` will be listed.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** `"MMEM:CDIR 'D:\user\dig_mod"`  
           'sets the default directory to D:\user\dig\_mod.  
`"BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:CAT?"`  
           'reads out all the files with Digital Standard settings in the default directory.  
**Response:** `" 'DM_QAM'"`  
           'the file 'DM\_QAM' with Digital Standard settings is available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:DELETE <file\_name>**

This command deletes the selected file with Digital Standard settings. The directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRECTORY`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_stu` will be deleted.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:DEL 'DM_QAM'"`  
           'deletes file 'DM\_QAM'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:LOAD <file\_name>**

This command loads the selected file with Digital Standard settings. The directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRECTORY`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. The file extension may be omitted. Only files with the file extension `*.dm_stu` will be loaded.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:LOAD 'DM_QAM'"`  
           'loads file 'DM\_QAM'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:DM:STANDARD:ULIST:STORE <file\_name>**

This command stores the current Digital Standard settings into the selected file. The directory is set using command `MMEM:CDIRECTORY`. A path can also be specified, in which case the files in the specified directory are read. Only the file name has to be entered. User Standards are stored as files with the specific file extensions `*.dm_stu`.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** `"BB:DM:STAN:ULIS:STOR 'DM_QAM'"`  
           'stores the current Digital Standard settings into file 'DM\_QAM'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-		Device-specific

# SOURce:BB:IMPairment Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for the digital I/Q impairments. Included in this section is also the description of command `SOURce:BB:IQOutput:SOURce` that determined the source for the I/Q output connectors.

SOURce[1] = Path A

SOURce2 = Path B

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:IQRatio	-1 dB ... +1 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:LEAKage:I	0 ... 50.0 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:LEAKage:Q	0 ... 50.0 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:OPTimization:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:QUADrature[:ANGLE]	-10.0...10.0 DEG	DEG	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IQGain	AUTO   DBM3   DB0   DB3   DB6		
[SOURce:]BB:IQOutput:SOURce	A   B		

## [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:IQRatio -1 dB ... +1 dB

This command sets the ratio of I modulation to Q modulation (amplification “imbalance”). The input may be either in dB or %. The resolution is 0.001 dB, an input in percent is rounded to the closest valid value in dB. A query returns the value in dB.

**Examples:**

```
"BB:IMP:IQR 3 PCT"           'sets the imbalance to 3 percent.
```

```
"BB:IMP:IQR?"               'queries the imbalance
```

```
Response: "0.259000"        'the value is returned in dB
```

```
"BB:IMP:IQR 1"             'sets the imbalance to 1 dB.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.001 dB	Device-specific

## [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:IMPairment:LEAKage:I 0 ... 50 PCT

This command sets the carrier leakage amplitude for the I-signal component.

**Example:**

```
"BB:IMP:LEAK:I 3 PCT"      'sets the leakage for the I-component to 3 percent'.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 PCT	0.05 PCT	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:IMPAIrmEnt:LEAKage:Q 0 ... 50 PCT**

This command sets the carrier leakage amplitude for the Q-signal component.

**Example:** "BB:IMP:LEAK:Q 3 PCT"  
'sets the leakage for the Q-component to 3 percent'.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 PCT	0.05 PCT	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:IMPAIrmEnt:OPTImization:STATe ON | OFF**

This command activates and deactivates internal compensation of signal distortions by the I/Q modulator.

**Example:** "BB:IMP:OPT:STAT ON"  
'activates internal compensation of signal distortions (in case of two-path instruments, for Path A).'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:IMPAIrmEnt:QUADrature[::ANGLe] -10.0 ... 10.0 DEG**

This command sets the quadrature offset for the digital I/Q signal.

**Example:** "BB:IMP:QUAD:ANGL -5DEG"  
'sets the quadrature offset to -5 degrees.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.02 DEG	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:IMPAIrmEnt:STATe ON | OFF**

The command activates (ON) and deactivates (OFF) the three impairment or correction values LEAKage, QUADrature and IQRatio for the digital baseband signal prior to input into the I/Q modulator

**Example:** "BB:IMP:STAT OFF"  
'deactivates digital impairment.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:IQGaiN AUTO | DBM3 | DB0 | DB3 | DB6**

This command specifies the baseband gain for the internal or, in case of two-path instruments, external baseband signal.

Thus, the modulation of the I/Q modulator can be optimized for any measurement requirement. The gain settings for an external analog wideband signal (**Analog Wideband I/Q In**) are performed with command :SOURce:IQ:GAIN

**Parameters:** **AUTO**  
Activates automatic setting. The modulation is automatically optimized for the internally set baseband signal.

**DBM3**  
Activates -3 dB gain (for SMU). With this setting, signal distortions are minimized.

**DBM3**

Activates 0 dB gain (for SMJ). With this setting, signal distortions are minimized.

**DB0**

Activates 0 dB gain (standard settings).

**DB3**

Activates 3 dB gain. This setting is recommended for high 3GPP ACLR.

**DB6**

Activates 6 dB gain (for SMU). With this setting, signal noise is minimized.

**DB3**

Activates 0 dB gain (for SMJ). This setting is recommended for high 3GPP ACLR.

**DB6**

Activates 0 dB gain (for SMJ). With this setting, signal noise is minimized.

**Example:**

```
"IQ:SOUR BAS"
'selects the internal baseband signal as the input signal of the I/Q modulator.

"BB:IQG DB6"
'sets gain 6dB (best for low noise).
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
Auto	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]BB:IQOutput:SOURce A | B**

**Note:**

*This command is available only for two-path instruments.*

This command selects the output signal at the I/Q OUT connectors for a two-path instrument.

**Example:**

```
"BB:IQO:SOUR A"
'the I/Q components of path A baseband signal are output at the I/Q OUT connectors.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
A		Device-specific

## SOURce:BB:MCCW Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for setting the Multi Carrier CW signals.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between multi carrier generation for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

SOURce<1> = path A

SOURce2 = path B

For two-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional in the case of commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B, the command must contain the keyword with suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameter	Default unit	Note
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:COUNT	1 ... 8192	-	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:PHASe	0° ... 360°, 0° ... 360°, ...	RAD	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:POWer	-80 ... 0 dB, -80 ... 0 dB, ...	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:STATe	ON   OFF, ON   OFF, ...		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:PHASe	<index>, 0 ... 360DEG	RAD	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:POWer	<index>, -80 ... 0 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:SPACing	0 Hz ... 50 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:STATe	<index>, ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CFACTOR	0 ... 100 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CFACTOR:MODE	OFF   CHIRp   SLOW		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK			Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK:MODE	SAMPle   MSAMPle		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK:MULTIplier	1 ... 64		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK:SOURce	INTernal   EXTernal		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:PHASe[:START]	0 ... 360DEG	RAD	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:PHASe:STEP	-360 ... 360DEG	RAD	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:POWer[:START]	-80 ... 0 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:POWer:STEP	-80 ... 80 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:START	<carrier_index>		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRier:STOP	<carrier_index>		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:PRESet	-		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:SEQuence	AUTO / RETRigger / AAUTO / ARETrigger / SINGLE		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:ARM:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger[:EXTernal<[1] 2>]:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	

[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger[:EXTErnal<[1]>]:INHibit	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OBASeband:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OBASeband:INHibit	0 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples	-	
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay	0 ... 2 <sup>20</sup> -1 Samples		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MAX?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay:MIN?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:MODE	REStArt   PULSe   PATTErn   RATIo		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:OFFTime	1 ... max. wavelength - 1 sample		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:ONTime	1 ... max. wavelength - 1 sample		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PATTErn	#B0,1 ... #B111 ... 1,32		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:DIVider	2 ... 2 <sup>10</sup>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:FREQ			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:RMODE			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:SLENgth	1 ... 2 <sup>32</sup> -1 Samples		
[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:SOURce	INTernAl   EXTErnAl   BEXTErnAl   OBASeband		

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:COUNT 1 ... 8192**

The command sets the number of carriers in the Multi Carrier CW signal. The total bandwidth (*Number of carriers - 1*) \* *Carrier spacing* is 80 MHz. The number of carriers entered therefore defines the maximum carrier spacing (:BB:MCCW:CARRier:SPACing).

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:COUNT 10"  
 'sets 10 CW carriers for the multi carrier signal.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
64	1	The carrier spacing (:BB:MCCW:CARRier:SPACing) is reduced if the total bandwidth of 80 MHz is not respected when entering the number of carriers.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CARRier:LIST:PHASe 0 ... 360 DEG[, 0 ... 360 DEG].**

The command sets the start phase of the carrier with the aid of a value list. The first value in the list is assigned to the carrier with index 0, the second value to the carrier with index 1, etc. The maximum length corresponds to the maximum number of multi carriers. There is no need to enter all the values every time. Values not set by the value list are set with the default values provided they have already been explicitly set by a previous command. If this is the case, the values continue to apply until overwritten.

If the query is expanded by using the two parameters <start> and <count>, the value list is read out in smaller sections. Start is expressed in position of bit, count in number of values. Without the parameters all values are always read out starting from the first value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:PHAS 90 DEG, 90 DEG, 90 DEG, 80 DEG"  
'sets a start phase for carriers 0, 1, 2 and 3.

"BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:PHAS 2, 3"  
'queries the phase of carrier 1, 2 and 3.

Response: "90,90,80"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

#### [SOURCE<[1]>]:BB:MCCW:CARRIER:LIST:POWER - 80 dB ... 0 dB[, - 80 dB ... 0 dB]

The command sets the power of the carrier with the aid of a value list. The first value in the list is assigned to the carrier with index 0, the second value to the carrier with index 1, etc. The maximum length corresponds to the maximum number of multi carriers. There is no need to enter all the values every time. Values not set by the value list are set with the default values provided they have already been explicitly set by a previous command. If this is the case, the values continue to apply until overwritten.

If the query is expanded by using the two parameters <start> and <count>, the value list is read out in smaller sections. Start is expressed in position of bit, count in number of values. Without the parameters all values are always read out starting from the first value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:POW -65 dB, -30 dB, -50 dB, ..."  
'sets the power of carrier 0 to -65 dB, carrier 1 to -30 dB and so on.

"BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:POW 2, 2"  
'queries the power of carrier 1 and 2.

Response: "-30, -50"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

#### [SOURCE<[1]>]:BB:MCCW:CARRIER:LIST:STATE ON | OFF, ON | OFF, ...

The command switches the carrier on or off with the aid of a value list. The first value in the list is assigned to the carrier with index 0, the second value to the carrier with index 1, etc. The maximum length corresponds to the maximum number of multi carriers. There is no need to enter all the values every time. Values not set by the value list are set with the default values provided they have already been explicitly set by a previous command. If this is the case, the values continue to apply until overwritten.

If the query is expanded by using the two parameters <start> and <count>, the value list is read out in smaller sections. Start is expressed in position of bit, count in number of values. Without the parameters all values are always read out starting from the first value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:STAT ON, OFF, ON, ..."  
'switches carrier 0 on, carrier 1 off, etc.

"BB:MCCW:CARR:LIST:POW 2, 2"  
'queries the states of carrier 1 and 2.

Response: "0, 1"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CARRIER:PHASE <carrier\_index>, 0 ... 360 DEG.

The command sets the start phase of the selected carrier. The carrier is selected by the numerical parameter <carrier\_index>.

The phase settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (:SOURCE:BB:MCCW:CFACTOR:MODE OFF).

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:PHAS 15, 90 DEG"  
'sets a start phase of 90° for carrier 15.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CARRIER:POWER <carrier\_index>, 80 dB ... 0 dB

The command sets the power of the selected carrier. The carrier is selected by the numerical parameter <carrier\_index>.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:POW 15, -50 dB"  
'sets the power of carrier 15 to -50 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CARRIER:SPACING 0 Hz ... 50 MHz

The command sets the carrier spacing. The carriers are generated symmetrically around the RF carrier. The total bandwidth (*Number of carriers - 1*) \* *Carrier spacing* is 80 MHz. The maximum carrier spacing that can be set is dependent on the chosen number of carriers

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:SPAC 10 MHz"  
'sets a carrier spacing of 10 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
10 kHz	0.01 Hz	The maximum carrier spacing is automatically reduced so that the maximum total bandwidth of 80 MHz is not exceeded on entering the number of carriers (:BB:MCCW:CARRIER:COUNT).	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CARRIER:STATE <carrier\_index>, ON | OFF

The command switches the selected carrier on or off. The carrier is selected by the numerical parameter <carrier\_index>. The counting in remote control differs from the numbers in the carrier table. Index 0 corresponds to number 1 (first line) in the table. Therefore, switching the state of the channel via remote control always switches the state of channel index + 1 in the table.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CARR:STAT 15, ON"  
'switches carrier 16 on.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
ON	-	Device-specific



[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CFACtor 0 ... 100 dB

The command sets the desired crest factor for the multi carrier signal on selection of the command SOURCE:BB:MCCW:CFACtor:MODE SLOW.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CFAC:MODE SLOW"  
'sets the Target Crest optimization mode.  
"BB:MCCW:CFAC 10 dB"  
'sets the desired crest factor to 10 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
3 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CFACtor:MODE OFF | CHIRp | SLOW

The command sets the mode by which automatic settings will minimize the crest factor or hold it at a chosen value.

**Parameter: OFF**  
Crest factor optimization is switched off. The carrier PHASE setting has an effect.

**CHIRp**  
The crest factor is very rapidly optimized to < 3 dB for multi carrier signals so that all carriers are switched on and have the same amplitude. The computation time is independent of the number of carriers. In other carrier configurations the achievable crest factor is worse.

**SLOW**  
The crest factor entered using SOURCE:BB:MCCW:CFACtor is maintained for all carrier configurations by means of automatic settings. The computation time depends on the number of carriers and on the crest factor that has been set. Computation time increases only when the number of carriers exceeds 256 and the crest factor is above 4 dB.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CFAC:MODE OFF"  
'switches off automatic crest factor optimization. The setting SOURCE:BB:MCCW:CARR:PHAS has an effect.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
FAST	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK?

**Note:**  
*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the output clock rate. The output clock rate depends on the number of carriers and the selected carrier spacing.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CLOC?"  
'queries the output clock rate.  
Response: "256 000 000"  
'the output clock rate is 256 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK:MODE SAMPlE | MSAMPlE

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command enters the type of externally supplied clock (:BB:MCCW:CLOCK:SOURce EXTERNAL). When MSAMPlE is used, a multiple of the sample clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector and the sample clock is derived internally from this. The multiplier is entered with the command BB:MCCW:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER.

For two path instruments, the only numerical suffix allowed for SOURce is 1, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CLOC:MODE SAMP"  
'selects clock type **Sample**, i.e. the supplied clock is a sample clock.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SAMPle	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK:MULTIPLIER 1 ... 64

The command specifies the multiplier for clock type **Multiple Samples** (:BB:MCCW:CLOCK:MODE MSAM) in the case of an external clock source.

For two-path instruments, the only numerical suffix allowed for SOURce is 1, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CLOC:SOUR EXT"  
'selects the external clock source. The clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.

"BB:MCCW:CLOC:MODE MSAM"  
'selects clock type **Multiple Samples**, , i.e. the supplied clock has a rate which is a multiple of the sample rate.

"BB:MCCW:CLOC:MULT 12"  
'the multiplier for the external clock rate is 12.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
4	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:CLOCK:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the source for the digital modulation clock.

For two-path instruments, selecting EXTERNAL is only possible for path A, since the external clock source is permanently allocated to path A.

**Parameter:** **INTernal**  
The internal clock reference is used.

**EXTernal**  
The external clock reference is supplied to the CLOCK connector.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:CLOC:SOUR EXT"  
'selects an external clock reference. The clock is supplied via the CLOCK connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal		Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:EXECUTE

The command adopts the settings for the carrier range which has been defined using the :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR: commands.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STAR 4"  
 'the carrier range starts at carrier 4.  
 "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STOP 400"  
 'the carrier range stops at carrier 400.  
 "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STAT ON"  
 'sets all the carriers in the carrier range to ON.  
 "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:EXEC"  
 'adopts the settings for all the carriers in the carrier range.  
 "BB:MCCW:STAT"  
 'starts generation of the multi carrier signal. Carriers 4 to 400 are in the ON state.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
		Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:PHASE[:START] 0 ... 360 DEG.

The command sets the start phase for the individual carriers in the defined carrier range. If the command :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP is used to define a step width, the phase entered here applies only to the starting carrier. The phases of the remaining carriers are stepped up or down by the phase value specified in the :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP command.

The phase settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (:SOURCE:BB:MCCW:CFACTOR:MODE OFF).

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS 90 DEG"  
 'sets a start phase of 90° for the carriers in the carrier range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:PHASE:STEP 0 ... 360 DEG.

The command sets the step width by which the start phases of the carriers in the defined carrier range will be incremented.

The phase settings are only valid if optimization of the crest factor is disabled (:SOURCE:BB:MCCW:CFACTOR:MODE OFF).

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS 90 DEG"  
 'sets a start phase of 90° for the carriers in the carrier range.  
 "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:PHAS:STEP 1 DEG"  
 'the start phase is incremented by 1° for each carrier, i.e. the first carrier has a start phase of 90°, the second a start phase of 91°, etc.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.01 DEG	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:POWER[:START] 80 dB ... 0 dB**

The command sets the power for the individual carriers in the defined carrier range. If the command :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP is used to define a step width, the power entered here applies only to the starting carrier. The power of the remaining carriers is stepped up or down by the power specified in the :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP command.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW -50 dB"  
'sets the power of the carrier to -50 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:POWER:STEP -80 dB ... +80 dB.**

The command sets the step width by which the starting power of the carriers in the defined carrier range will be incremented.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW -80dB"  
'sets a power of -80 dB for the carriers in the carrier range.  
"BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:POW:STEP 1 dB"  
'the power phase is incremented by 1dB for each carrier, i.e. the first carrier has -80dB, the second -79dB, etc.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:START <carrier\_index>**

The command selects the first carrier in the carrier range to which the settings with the :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:. . . commands shall apply.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STAR 4"  
'the carrier range starts at carrier 4.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:STATE ON | OFF**

The command switches all the carriers in the selected carrier range on or off.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STAT ON"  
'sets all the carriers in the carrier range to ON.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARRIER:STOP <carrier\_index>**

The command selects the last carrier in the carrier range to which the settings with the :BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:. . . commands shall apply.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:EDIT:CARR:STOP 40"  
'the carrier range stops at carrier 40.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0		Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:PRESet

The command sets all multi carrier signal parameters to their default values  
 This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:PRESet"  
 'resets the Multi Carrier settings to default values.

*RST value	Dependencies	SCPI
-	:BB:MCCW:CARR:COUN 64 :BB:MCCW:CARR:PHAS 0 :BB:MCCW:CARR:POW 0 :BB:MCCW:CARR:SPAC 10 kHz :BB:MCCW:CARR:STAT ON :BB:MCCW:CLOC:SOUR INT :BB:MCCW:CFAC 3 dB :BB:MCCW:CFAC:MODE FAST :BB:MCCW:STAT OFF :BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXT:DEL 0 :BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXT:INH 0 :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OBAS:DEL 0 (two-path instruments only) :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OBAS:INH 0 (two-path instruments only) :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP<[1] 2 3 4>:MODE REST :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP<[1] 2 3 4>:PFR 1MHz :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP<[1] 2 3 4>:PATT #H0,1 :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP<[1] 2 3 4>:OFFT 0 :BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP<[1] 2 3 4>:ONT 0 :BB:MCCW:TRIG:SEQ AUTO :BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR INT	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:SEQuence AUTO | RETRigger | AAUTo | ARETrigger | SINGle

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command selects the trigger mode.

**Parameter: AUTO**  
 The multi carrier signal is generated continuously.

**RETRigger**  
 The multi carrier signal is generated continuously. A trigger event (internal or external) causes a restart.

**AAUTo**  
 The multi carrier signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event the signal is generated continuously. Signal generation is stopped with command SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:ARM:EXEC and started again when a trigger event occurs.

**ARETrigger**  
 The multi carrier signal is generated only when a trigger event occurs. The device automatically toggles to RETRIG mode. Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart. Signal generation is stopped with command SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:ARM:EXEC and started again when a trigger event occurs.

**SINGle**  
 The multi carrier signal is output only when a trigger event occurs. After the trigger event the signal is output once to the set sequence length (SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SLEN). Every subsequent trigger event causes a restart.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:SEQ AAUT"  
 'sets the **Armed\_auto** trigger mode; the device waits for the first trigger (e.g. with \*TRG) and then generates the signal continuously.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
RETRigger	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:STATe ON | OFF**

The command turns on the Multi Carrier CW signal. Any other digital standards or digital modulation that may be in the ON state will be automatically turned OFF.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:STAT ON"  
 'switches on generation of the Multi Carrier CW signal.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
OFF	-	:BB:MCCW:STAT ON switches off all the digital standards and digital modulation (in case of two-path instruments, this affects the same path.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:ARM:EXECute**

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command stops signal generation for trigger modes Armed\_Auto and Armed\_Retrigger. A subsequent internal or external trigger event restart signal generation.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
 'sets internal triggering.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SEQ ARET"  
 'sets Armed\_Retrigger mode, i.e. every trigger event causes signal generation to restart.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXEC"  
 'executes a trigger, signal generation is started.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:ARM:EXEC"  
 'signal generation is stopped.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXEC"  
 'executes a trigger, signal generation is started again.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:EXECute**

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command executes a trigger. The internal trigger source must be selected using the command MCCW:TRIGger:SOURce INTernal and a trigger mode other than AUTO must be selected using the command :BB:MCCW:TRIGger:MODE.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
 'sets internal triggering.

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:SEQ RETR"  
 'sets Retrigger mode, i.e. every trigger event causes signal generation to restart.

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXEC"  
 'executes a trigger.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGGER[:EXTERNAL<[1]|2>]:DELAY 0 ... 2<sup>32</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command specifies the trigger delay (expressed as a number of samples) for external triggering. The numeric suffix to EXTERNAL distinguishes between the external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 (suffix 1) and TRIGGER 2 (suffix 2) connector.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
 'selects an external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 connector

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:DEL 200"  
 'sets a delay of 200 samples for the trigger.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGGER[:EXTERNAL<[1]|2>]:INHIBIT 0 ... 2<sup>26</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**  
 This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.

The command specifies the number of samples by which a restart is to be inhibited following a trigger event. This command applies only in the case of external triggering. The numeric suffix to EXTERNAL distinguishes between the external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 (suffix 1) and TRIGGER 2 (suffix 2) connector.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR EXT"  
 'selects an external trigger via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:INH 200"  
 'sets a restart inhibit for 200 samples following a trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OBASband:DELay 0 ... 2<sup>32</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for SMx and AMU two-path instruments only.*

The command specifies the trigger delay (expressed as a number of samples) for triggering by the signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR OBAS"  
 'sets for path A the internal trigger executed by the signal from the second path (path B).  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:DEL 200"  
 'sets a delay of 200 samples for the trigger.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OBASband:INHibit 0 ... 2<sup>32</sup>-1 samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for SMx and AMU two-path instruments only.*

The command specifies the number of samples by which a restart is to be inhibited following a trigger event. This command applies only for triggering by the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR OBAS"  
 'sets for path A the internal trigger executed by the signal from the second path (path B).  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:INH 200"  
 'sets a restart inhibit for 200 samples following a trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	1	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:DELay 0 ... 2<sup>20</sup>-1 Symbols

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the delay between the signal on the marker outputs and the start of the signals, expressed in terms of samples. Command :BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut:DELay:FIXed ON can be used to restrict the range of values to the dynamic range, i.e. the range within which a delay of the marker signals can be set without restarting the marker and signal.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:DEL 16"  
 'sets a delay of 16 samples for the signal on connector MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 Symbols	1	Device-specific



[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGGER:OUTPUT:DELAY:FIXED ON | OFF

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command restricts the marker delay setting range to the dynamic range. In this range the delay can be set without restarting the marker and signal. If a delay is entered in setting ON but is outside this range, the maximum possible delay is set and an error message is generated.

The numeric suffix in OUTPUT has no significance for this command, since the setting always affects every marker.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGGER:OUTPUT<[1]...4>:DELAY:MAXIMUM

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the maximum marker delay for setting :BB:MCCW:TRIGGER:OUTPUT:DELAY:FIXED ON.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MAX"  
'queries the maximum of the dynamic range.

Response: "2000"  
'the maximum for the marker delay setting is 2000 samples.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGGER:OUTPUT<[1]...4>:DELAY:MINIMUM

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the minimum marker delay for setting :BB:MCCW:TRIGGER:OUTPUT:DELAY:FIXED ON.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:FIX ON"  
'restricts the marker signal delay setting range to the dynamic range.

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:DEL:MIN"  
'queries the minimum of the dynamic range.

Response: "0"  
'the minimum for the marker delay setting is 0 samples.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:MODE** REStart | PULSe | PATtern | RATio

The command defines the signal for the selected marker output.

**Parameter: REStart**

A marker signal is generated at every signal start.

**PULSe**

A pulsed marker signal is generated. The pulse frequency (= symbol rate/divider) is defined with the

SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:PULS:DIVider command and can be queried with the SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:PULS:FREQ? command.

**PATtern**

A marker signal is generated with the aid of a user-definable bit pattern. The bit pattern is entered with the aid of command

SOURce:BB:MCCW:TRIGger:PATtern. The bit pattern is a maximum of 32 bits long.

**RATio**

A regular marker signal corresponding to the Time Off / Time On specifications in the commands SOURce:BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OFFT and SOURce:BB:MCCW:TRIGger:ONT is generated.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PULS"  
'selects the pulsed marker signal on output MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
REStart	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:OFFTime** 1 ... max. wave length -1 sample

The command sets the number of samples in a period (ON time + OFF time) during which the marker signal in setting SOURce:BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE RATio on the marker outputs is OFF.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:OFFT 20"  
'sets an OFF time of 20 samples for marker signal 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 Sample	1	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:ONTime** 1 ... max. wavelength -1 sample

The command sets the number of samples in a period (ON time + OFF time) during which the marker signal in setting SOURce:BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE RATio on the marker outputs is ON.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:ONT 20"  
'sets an ON time of 20 samples for marker 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 Sample	1	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PATtern #B0,1 ... #B111...1,32**

The command defines the bit pattern used to generate the marker signal in the setting SOURce:BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut:MODE PATtern 0 is marker off, 1 is marker on.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:PATT #HE0F52,20"  
 'sets a bit pattern.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PATT"  
 'activates the marker signal according to a bit pattern on output MARKER 2.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0		Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:DIVider 2 ... 2^10**

The command sets the divider for Pulse marker mode (SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:MODE PULSe). The resulting pulse frequency is derived by dividing the symbol rate by the divider.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:DIV 2"  
 'sets the divider for the marker signal on output MARKER 2 to the value 2.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:FREQ?"  
 'queries the resulting pulse frequency of the marker signal  
 Response: "66 000"  
 'the resulting pulse frequency is 66 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
2	1	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:OUTPut<[1]...4>:PULSe:FREQuency?**

The command queries the pulse frequency of the pulsed marker signal in the setting SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:MODE PULS. The pulse frequency is derived by dividing the symbol rate by the divider. The divider is defined with command SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP:PULS:DIV.

The command is a query only and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:DIV 4"  
 'sets the divider for the marker signal on output MARKER 2 to the value 4.  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:MODE PULS"  
 'enables the pulsed marker signal  
 "BB:MCCW:TRIG:OUTP2:PULS:FREQ?"  
 'queries the pulse frequency for the marker signal.  
 Response: "33 000"  
 'the resulting pulse frequency is 33 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:RMODE

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command queries the current status of signal generation for all trigger modes with Multi Carrier CW on.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Parameter:**

**RUN**

The signal is generated. A trigger event occurred in the triggered mode.

**STOP**

The signal is not generated. A trigger event did not occur in the triggered modes, or signal generation was stopped by the command

:BB:MCCW:TRIG:ARM:EXECute (armed trigger modes only).

**Example:**

"SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR EXT"

'sets external triggering via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

"SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:MODE ARET"

'selects the Armed\_Retrigger mode

"SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:RMODE?"

'queries the current status of signal generation.

Response: "RUN"

'the signal is generated, an external trigger was executed.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:SLENgth 1 ... (2^32-1) Samples

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command defines the length of the signal sequence to be output in the **Single** trigger mode. The input is to be expressed in samples. It is then possible to output deliberately just part of the waveform, an exact sequence of the waveform, or a defined number of repetitions of the waveform.

**Example:**

"SOUR:BB:MCCW:SEQ SING"

'sets trigger mode Single.

"SOUR:BB:MCCW:TRIG:SLEN 200"

'sets a sequence length of 200 samples. The first 200 samples of the current waveform will be output after the next trigger event.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 Waveform length	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]BB:MCCW:TRIGger:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal | BEXTernal | OBASeband

**Note:**

*This command is available for R&S SMx and R&S AMU instruments only.*

The command selects the trigger source.

**Parameter:**

**INTernal**

Triggering is executed by means of the Trigger command :BB:MCCW:TRIG:EXECute in the case of remote control, and by means of **Execute Trigger** in the case of manual operation.

**EXTernal**

Triggering is executed by means of the signal on the TRIGGER 1 connector.

**BEXTernal**

Triggering is executed by means of the signal on the TRIGGER 2 connector.

**OBASeband**

Triggering is executed by means of the signal from the second path (two-path instruments only).

**Example:**

"BB:MCCW:TRIG:SOUR INT"  
'sets internal triggering.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Device-specific

# SOURce-BB-POWer Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for retrieving the level values of the digital baseband signal.

The numeric suffix to SOURce distinguishes between the signal for path A and path B in the case of two-path instruments:

SOURce[1] = path A

SOURce2 = path B

For two-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional in the case of commands for path A and can be omitted. For path B the command must contain the keyword with suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:CFACtor		dB	Query only
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:POWer:PEAK		dBfs	Query only
[SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:POWer:RMS		dBfs	Query only

## [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:CFACtor?

This command queries the crest factor of the baseband signal .

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:CFAC?"  
'queries the crest factor of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:POWer:PEAK?

This command queries the peak level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale).

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:POW:PEAK?"  
'queries the peak level of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## [SOURce<[1]2>:]BB:POWer:RMS?

This command queries the rms level of the baseband signal relative to full scale of 0.5 V (in terms of dB full scale).

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "BB:POW:RMS?"  
'queries the rms level of the baseband signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## SOURce:CORRection Subsystem

The output level is corrected in the CORRection subsystem. Correction is performed by user-defined table values being added to the output level for the respective RF frequency. In the R&S Vector Signal Generator, this subsystem is used to select, transfer and activate user correction tables.

Each list is stored as a file. The name of the user correction file can be freely selected. The file extension \*.uco is assigned automatically and cannot be changed.

The files can be stored in a freely selectable directory and opened from there. The default directory is set using command `MMEMory:CDIRectory`. In the case of files which are stored in the default directory, only the file name has to be specified in commands. Otherwise, the complete absolute path has to be specified with every command. The extension can be omitted in any case.

### Note

*In the following command examples, the files are stored in the default directory.*

In the case of two-path instruments with two RF paths, level correction is performed separately for the two RF outputs. The commands which affect selection and activation of the tables are therefore path-specific. The suffix under SOURce distinguishes the outputs:

SOURce[1] = RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

For one path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

For two-path instruments, the same tables are, however, accessed for both paths. File operations such as creating, deleting and querying files are therefore path-independent. In this case, the suffix under SOURce must be omitted. An error message is displayed if the suffix is specified.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:CATalog?	-		Query only
[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:FREQuency	300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub> {,300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub> }	HZ	
[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:FREQuency:POINts?			Query only
[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:POWer	-40 dB...6dB {,-40 dB...6 dB}	dB	
[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:POWer:POINts?			Query only
[[:SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:CSET:DATA[:SENSor<[1]> 3>][:POWer]:SONCe			No query
[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DELeTe	<table name>		No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:EXTension	TXT   CSV		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:SELeCt	<ASCII file name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:SEParat or:COLumn	TABulator   SEMicolon   COMMa   SPACe		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:SEParat or:DECimal	DOT   COMMa		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:MODE	IMPort   EXPort		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:DEXChange:SELeCt	<list mode file>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:CSET[:SELeCt]	<table name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1]>:]CORRection:VALue		dB	Query only

**[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:CATalog?**

The command requests a list of user correction tables. The individual lists are separated by commas.

The lists are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.uco in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMory:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command :SOUR:CORR:CSET:CAT?, in which case the files in the specified directory are read.

This command is a query command and has no \*RST value. The numerical suffix at SOURce must not be used for this command.

**Example:** "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\Lists\ucor'"  
 'selects the directory for the user correction files.  
 "CORR:CSET:CAT?"  
 'queries which correction tables are available.  
 Response: "UCOR1,UCOR2,UCOR3"  
 'the correction tables UCOR1, UCOR2 and UCOR3 are available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:FREQuency 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub> {, 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub>}, (RF<sub>max</sub> depending on model)**

The command transfers the frequency data to the table selected with :CORRection:CSET:SElect.

\*RST does not affect data lists. The numerical suffix at SOURce must not be used for this command.

**Example:** "CORR:CSET 'D:\Lists\ucor\ucor1'"  
 'selects the table ucor1.  
 "CORR:CSET:DATA:FREQ 100MHz,102MHz,103MHz,..."  
 'enters the frequency value in the table UCOR1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:FREQuency:POINts?**

The command queries the number of frequency values in the selected table.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value. The numerical suffix at SOURce must not be used for this command.

**Example:** "CORR:CSET 'D:\Lists\ucor\ucor1'"  
 'selects the table ucor1.  
 "CORR:CSET:DATA:FREQ:POIN?"  
 'queries the number of frequency values in the table ucor1.  
 Response: "440"  
 'the table ucor1 contains 440 frequency values.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific



**[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:POWer -40dB ... 6dB {,-40dB ... 6dB}**

The command transfers the level data to the table selected with :CORRection:CSET:SElect.

\*RST does not affect data lists. The numerical suffix at SOURce must not be used for this command.

**Example:** "CORR:CSET 'D:\Lists\ucor\ucor1'"  
 'selects the table ucor1.  
 "CORR:CSET:DATA:POW 1dB, 0.8dB, 0.75dB,..."  
 'enters the level values in the table ucor1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DATA:POWer:POINts?**

The command queries the number of level values in the selected table.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value. The numerical suffix at SOURce must not be used for this command.

**Example:** "CORR:CSET 'D:\Lists\ucor\ucor1'"  
 'selects the table ucor1.  
 "CORR:CSET:DATA:POW:POIN?"  
 'queries the number of level values in the table ucor1.  
 Response: "440"  
 'the table ucor1 contains 440 level values.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]CORRection:CSET:DATA[:SENSor<[1]|2|3>][:POWer]:SONCe**

The command activates the filling of the user correction list with level values acquired by the power sensor.

**The following information is valid for two-path instruments only:**

The command activates the filling of the user correction list with level values acquired by the selected power sensor. All level correction values for the given frequency values are entered in the selected list. The power sensor used is selected by the suffix in key word SENSE of the command header. Suffix 1 denotes the sensor connected to the SENSOR connector, suffix 2 the sensor connected first to one of the USB interfaces and suffix 3 the sensor connected second to one of the USB interfaces.

The command is an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query.

**Example:** "CORR:CSET:DATA:SENS:POW:SONC"  
 'fills of the user correction list with level values acquired by the power sensor connector to the SENSOR connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]CORRection:CSET:DELeTe <table name>**

The command deletes the specified table.

The lists are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.uco in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMory:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command :SOUR:CORR:CSET:CAT?, in which case the file in the specified directory is deleted.

The command is an event and therefore has no \*RST value. The numerical suffix under SOURce is irrelevant.

**Example:**           "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\Lists\ucor'"  
                       'selects the directory for the user correction files.  
                       "CORR:CSET:DEL 'UCOR1'"  
                       'deletes the table ucor1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:CATalog?**

The command requests a list of available ASCII files for export/import of user correction data. The individual files are separated by commas.

The ASCII files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.txt or \*.csv in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMory:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:CORR:DEXC:AFIL:CAT?, in which case the files in the specified directory are read.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           MMEM:CDIR 'd:\lists\ucor/import'  
                       'selects the directory for the ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs.  
                       CORR:DEXC:AFIL:EXT TXT  
                       'selects that ASCII files with extension \*.txt are listed.  
                       CORR:DEXC:AFIL:CAT?  
                       'queries the available files with extension \*.txt.  
                       Response: 'ucor1,ucor2'  
                       'the ASCII files ucor1.txt and ucor2.txt are available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:EXTension TXT | CSV**

The command selects the file extension of the ASCII file to be imported or exported. Selection TXT (text file) or CSV (Excel file) is available.

**Example:**           MMEM:CDIR 'd:\lists\ucor/import'  
                       'selects the directory for the ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs.  
                       CORR:DEXC:AFIL:EXT TXT  
                       'selects that ASCII files with extension \*.txt are listed.  
                       CORR:DEXC:AFIL:CAT?  
                       'queries the available files with extension \*.txt.

Response: 'list1,list2'  
 'the ASCII files ucor1.txt and ucor2.txt are available.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
TXT	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:SElect <ascii\_file\_name>**

The command selects the ASCII file to be imported or exported.

The ASCII files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.txt or \*.csv in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL, in which case the files are stored or loaded in the specified directory.

**Example:** CORR:DEXC:MODE IMP  
 'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and transferred into user correction lists.  
 CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:\user\ucor\import\ucor.csv'  
 'selects that ASCII file ucor.csv is imported.  
 CORR:DEXC:SEL 'd:\user\ucor\import\ucor\_imp'  
 'selects that the ASCII file ucor.csv is imported into user correction list ucor\_imp.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:SEParator:COLumn TABulator | SEMicolon | COMMa | SPACe**

The command selects the separator between the frequency and level column of the ASCII table.

**Example:** CORR:DEXC:MODE EXP  
 'selects that the user correction list is exported into an ASCII file.  
 CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:/user\ucor\import\ucor.csv'  
 'selects ASCII file ucor.csv as destination for the user correction list data.  
 CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:COL TAB  
 'the pairs of frequency and level values are separated by a tabulator.  
 CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:DEC DOT  
 'selects the decimal separator dot.  
 CORR:DEXC:SEL 'd:/user\ucor\import\ucor\_imp'  
 'selects that the user correction list ucor\_imp is imported into ASCII file ucor.csv.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SEMIColon	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]CORRection:DEXChange:AFILe:SEParator:DECimal DOT | COMMa**

The command the decimal separator used in the ASCII data between '.' (decimal point) and ',' (comma) with floating-point numerals.

**Example:** CORR:DEXC:MODE EXP  
 'selects that the user correction list is exported into an ASCII file.'

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CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor.csv'
'selects ASCII file ucor.csv as destination for the user correction list data.

CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:COL TAB
'the pairs of frequency and level values are separated by a tabulator.

CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:DEC DOT
'selects the decimal separator dot.

CORR:DEXC:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor_imp'
'selects that the user correction list ucor_imp is imported into ASCII file
ucor.csv.
    
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
DOT	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]CORREction:DEXChange:EXECute**

The command starts the export or import of the selected file. When import is selected, the ASCII file is imported as user correction list. When export is selected, the user correction list is exported into the selected ASCII file.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**

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CORR:DEXC:MODE IMP
'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and
transferred into user correction lists.

CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor.csv'
'selects that ASCII file ucor.csv is imported.

CORR:DEXC:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor_imp'
'selects that the ASCII file ucor.csv is imported into user correction list
ucor_imp.

CORR:DEXC:EXEC
'starts the import of the ASCII file data into the user correction file.
    
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]>:]CORREction:DEXChange:MODE IMPort | EXPort**

The command selects if user correction lists should be imported or exported. Depending on the selection her, the file select command define either the source or the destination for user correction lists and ASCII files.

**Example:**

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CORR:DEXC:MODE IMP
'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and
transferred into user correction lists.

CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor.csv'
'selects that ASCII file ucor.csv is imported.

CORR:DEXC:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor_imp'
'selects that the ASCII file ucor.csv is imported into user correction list
ucor_imp.
    
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]CORRection:DEXChange:SElect <list\_name>**

The command selects the user correction list to be imported or exported.

The user correction files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.uco in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:CORR:DEXC:SEL, in which case the files are stored or loaded in the specified directory.

**Example:**           CORR:DEXC:MODE IMP  
                           'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and transferred into user correction lists.

                          CORR:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor.csv'  
                           'selects that ASCII file ucor.csv is imported.

                          CORR:DEXC:SEL 'd:/user/ucor/import/ucor\_imp'  
                           'selects that the ASCII file ucor.csv is imported into user correction list ucor\_imp.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]CORRection:CSET[:SElect] <table name>**

The command selects the table for user correction. Level correction must also be activated with the command SOURce<[1]|2>:CORRection:CSET:STATe ON.

The lists are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.uco in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command :SOUR:CORR:CSET:SEL, in which case the files in the specified directory are selected.

The command is an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "CORR:CSET 'D:\Lists\ucor\ucor1'"  
                           'selects the table ucor1 for RF output A.

                          "CORR ON"  
                           'activates level correction for RF output A. Correction is performed using the table ucor1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]CORRection[:STATe] ON | OFF**

The command activates/deactivates level correction. Level correction is performed using the table which has been selected with the command CORRection:CSET:SElect.

**Example:**           "SOUR2:CORR:CSET 'ucor1'"  
                           'selects the table ucor1 for RF output B.

                          "SOUR2:CORR ON"  
                           'activates user correction for RF output B.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]CORRection:VALue?**

The command requests the current value for user correction.

This command is a query command and has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "CORR:VAL?"  
'queries the value currently used for level correction.

Response: "-3"  
'the correction value is - 3dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## SOURce:FM Subsystem

The FM subsystem contains the commands for checking the frequency modulation. The settings for the internal modulation source (LF generator) are made in the SOURce:LFOuTput subsystem.

Frequency modulation requires option R&S SMATE-B22 (FM/PhiM Modulator and Low Phase Noise).

Two-path instruments require a second RF path (R&S SMATE-B20x option) and a second option R&S SMATE-B22.

In the case of two-path instruments, the frequency modulation can be set separately and independently for the two RF outputs. The suffix under SOURce distinguishes the outputs:

SOURce[1] = RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FM[:DEVIation]	0 Hz...10 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FM:EXTeRnal:COUPling	AC   DC		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FM:MODE	NORMal   LNOise		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FM:SENSitivity?			Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FM:SOURce	EXT   INT   INT, EXT		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FM:STATe	ON   OFF		

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FM[:DEVIation] 0 Hz ... 10 MHz**

The command sets the modulation deviation of the frequency modulation in Hz. The maximal deviation depends on the RF frequency set and the selected modulation mode (see data sheet).

**Example:** "FM 5E3"  
'sets the FM modulation deviation to 5 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10 kHz	See data sheet	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]>:]FM:EXTernal:COUPling AC | DC**

The command selects the coupling mode for the external modulation input (EXT MOD) in the case of frequency modulation.

**Note:**

*Coupling for external feed via input EXT MOD can be set independently for modulations AM, FM and PhiM.*

**Parameters:**     **AC**

The DC voltage component is disconnected from the modulation signal.

**DC**

The modulation signal is not changed.

**Example:**

"FM:EXT:COUP AC"

'selects the coupling mode AC for external frequency modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AC	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]>:]FM:MODE NORMal | LNOise**

The command selects the mode for the frequency modulation.

**Parameters:**     **NORMal**

The maximum range for modulation bandwidth and FM deviation is available.

**LNOise**

Frequency modulation with phase noise and spurious characteristics close to CW mode. The range for modulation bandwidth and FM deviation is reduced (see data sheet).

**Example:**

"FM:MODE LNO"

'selects Low Noise mode for external frequency modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NORMal	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]>:]FM:SENSitivity?**

The command queries the input sensitivity of the EXT MOD input in Hz/V. The command is only effective if the external modulation source is selected (SOUR:FM:SOUR EXT). The returned value depends on the modulation deviation setting (SOUR:FM:DEVIation). This value is assigned to the voltage value for full modulation of the input signal.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**

"FM:DEV 5E3"

'sets a modulation deviation of 5 kHz.

"FM:SENS?"

'queries the input sensitivity at the EXT MOD input.

Response: "5E3"

'since the voltage value for full modulation is 1V, the resulting sensitivity is precisely 5000Hz/V.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FM:SOURce EXT | INT | INT,EXT**

The command selects the modulation source for frequency modulation. INT is the LF generator. The frequency of the internal modulation signal can be set in the SOURce:LFOOutput subsystem. The external signal is input at the EXT MOD connector. Internal and external modulation source can be selected at the same time.

**Example:** "FM:SOUR INT"  
'selects the internal modulation source.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FM:STATe ON | OFF**

The command activates/deactivates frequency modulation.  
Activation of frequency modulation deactivates phase modulation.

**Example:** "FM:STAT ON"  
'activates FM modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
OFF	-	FM ON deactivates phase modulation.	Compliant



## SOURce:FREQuency Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands used to define the frequency settings for the RF sources and sweeps.

In the case of two-path instruments with two RF paths, the numerical suffix under SOURce distinguishes between RF output A and RF output B:

SOURce[1] = RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:CENTer	300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub>	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency[:CW]:FIXed]	300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub>	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce:]FREQuency[:CW]:FIXed]:RCL	INCLude   EXCLude		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:MANual	300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub>	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:MODE	CW FIXed   SWEEp   LIST		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:OFFSet	50 ...+50 GHz	Hz	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:SPAN	0...RF <sub>max</sub>	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:STARt	300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub>	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:STOP	300 kHz...RF <sub>max</sub>	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:STEP[:INCRement]	0...RF <sub>max</sub> - 100 kHz	Hz	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]FREQuency:STEP:MODE	USER   DECimal		

### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]FREQuency:CENTer 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub> (RF<sub>max</sub> depending on model)

The command sets the center frequency of the sweep. This setting in combination with the span setting ([SOURce:]FREQuency:SPAN) defines the sweep range.

This command is linked to the commands [SOURce:]FREQuency:STARt and [SOURce:]FREQuency:STOP, i.e. changing these values causes the CENTer value to change, and vice versa:

$$\text{CENTer} = (\text{STARt} + \text{STOP})/2.$$

As with the **Frequency** value entered in the header, the OFFSet value is also taken into consideration with this command. The specified value range is therefore only effective if OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFSet values can be calculated using the following formula.

$$300 \text{ kHz} + \text{OFFSet} \dots \text{RF}_{\text{max}} + \text{OFFSet}$$

**Example:** "FREQ:CENT 400 MHz"

'sets the center frequency for the frequency sweep to 400 MHz.

"FREQ:SPAN 200 MHz"

'sets a span of 200 MHz. This sets the sweep range to 300 MHz to 500 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
300 MHz	0.01 Hz	CENter = (STARt + STOP)/2	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:FREQUENCY[:CW]:FIXed] 300 kHz ... RF<sub>max</sub>**

The command sets the frequency of the RF output signal for CW mode (SOURce:FREQUENCY:MODE CW). In Sweep mode (SOURce:FREQUENCY:MODE SWEep), this value is linked to the current sweep frequency.

In addition to a numerical value, it is also possible to specify UP and DOWN. The frequency is then increased or decreased by the value which is set under [SOURce<[1]|2>:FREQUENCY:STEP.

As with the **FREQ** value entered in the display, the **OFFSet** value is also taken into consideration with this command. The specified value range is therefore only effective if **OFFSet** is set to 0. The value range for other **OFFSet** values can be calculated using the following formula:

$$300 \text{ kHz} + \text{OFFSet} \dots \text{RF}_{\text{max}} + \text{OFFSet}$$

**Example:** "FREQ 500kHz"  
'sets the frequency of RF output signal A to 500 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
1 GHz	0.01 Hz	:FREQ for FREQ:MODE SWE linked to sweep frequency.	Compliant

**[SOURce:]FREQUENCY[:CW]:FIXed]:RCL INCLude | EXCLude**

The command determines whether the current frequency setting is retained or whether the stored frequency setting is adopted when an instrument configuration is loaded.

\*RST does not affect this setting. In case of two-path instruments, the setting is valid for both paths. If a suffix is specified, it is ignored.

**Parameters:** **INCLude**  
The stored frequency is also loaded when a stored instrument configuration is loaded.

**EXCLude**  
The RF frequency is not loaded when a stored instrument configuration is loaded. The current frequency is retained.

**Example:** "FREQ:RCL INCL"  
'the stored frequency is set if the Recall command is called.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:FREQUENCY:MANual START ... STOP**

In Sweep mode (:SOUR:FREQ:MODE SWE) the command sets the frequency for the next sweep step in the **Step** sweep mode (SOUR:SWE:MODE MAN). Here only frequency values between the settings [SOUR]:FREQ:STAR and . . . :STOP are permitted. Each sweep step is triggered by a separate SOUR:FREQ:MAN command.

As with the **Frequency** value entered in the header, the **OFFSet** value is also taken into consideration with this command. The specified value range is therefore only effective if **OFFSet** is set to 0. The value range for other **OFFSet** values can be calculated using the following formula.

$$\text{START} + \text{OFFSet} \dots \text{STOP} + \text{OFFSet}$$

**Example:** "SWE:MODE MAN"  
 'sets the **Step** sweep mode.  
 "FREQ:MAN 500MHz"  
 'sets an RF frequency of 500 MHz for the next step in the **Step** sweep mode.  
 "FREQ:MODE SWE"  
 'sets the Frequency Sweep mode. An RF frequency of 500 MHz is output.  
 "FREQ:MAN 550MHz"  
 'triggers the next sweep step with an RF frequency of 550 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
100 MHz	0.01 Hz	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:FREQuency:MODE CW|FIXed | SWEep | LIST**

The command sets the instrument operating mode and therefore also the commands used to set the output frequency.

**Parameters:** **CW|FIXed**  
 The instrument operates in fixed-frequency mode, in case of two-path instruments, for the selected path. CW and FIXed are synonyms. The output frequency is set with :SOURce:FREQuency:CW|FIXed.

**SWEep**  
 The instrument operates in SWEep mode, in case of two-path instruments, for the selected path. The frequency is set using the commands SOURce:FREQuency:STARt; STOP; CENTer; SPAN; MANual.

**LIST**  
 The instrument processes a list of frequency and level settings for the selected path (in case of two-path instruments). The List mode settings are made in the SOURce:LIST subsystem. The setting SOURce:FREQuency:MODE LIST also sets the command SOURce:POWer:MODE automatically to LIST.

**Example:** "FREQ:MODE SWE"  
 'sets the SWEep mode. The settings under SOURce:FREQuency:STARt; STOP; CENTer; SPAN; MANual become effective.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
CW	-	FREQ:MODE LIST sets POW:MODE LIST	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:FREQuency:OFFSet -50 GHz ... + 50 GHz**

The command sets the frequency offset of a downstream instrument, e.g. a mixer. If a frequency offset is entered, the frequency entered with SOURce:FREQuency:... no longer corresponds to the RF output frequency. The following correlation applies:

$$\text{SOURce:FREQuency:...} = \text{RF output frequency} + \text{SOURce:FREQuency:OFFSet.}$$

Entering an offset does not change the RF output frequency, but rather the query value of SOURce:FREQuency:.....

**Example:** "SOUR:FREQ:OFFS 500kHz"  
 'sets the frequency offset to 500 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 Hz	0.01 Hz	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:FREQUENCY:SPAN 0...RF<sub>max</sub> (RF<sub>max</sub> depending on model)**

This command specifies the span for the sweep. This setting in combination with the center frequency setting ([SOUR]:FREQ:CENT) defines the sweep range.

This command is linked to the commands [SOUR]:FREQ:STAR and [:SOUR]:FREQ:STOP, i.e. changing these values causes the SPAN value to change, and vice versa:

$$SPAN = (STOP - START)$$

Negative values for SPAN are permitted; START > STOP then applies.

**Example:** "FREQ:CENT 400 MHz"  
 'sets the center frequency of the frequency sweep to 400 MHz.  
 "FREQ:SPAN 200 MHz"  
 'sets a span of 200 MHz. This sets the sweep range to 300 MHz to 500 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
400 MHz	0.01 Hz	SPAN = (STOP - START)	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:FREQUENCY:START 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub> (RF<sub>max</sub> depending on model)**

This command sets the start frequency for the sweep mode. START can be greater than STOP.

This command is linked to the commands [SOUR]:FREQ:CENT and [SOUR]:FREQ:SPAN, i.e. changing these values causes the START value to change, and vice versa:

$$START = (CENTER - SPAN/2).$$

As with the **Frequency** value entered in the header, the OFFSet value is also taken into consideration with this command. The specified value range is therefore only effective if OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFSet values can be calculated using the following formula:

$$300 \text{ kHz} + OFFSet \dots RF_{max} + OFFSet$$

**Example:** "FREQ:START 1 MHz"  
 'sets the start frequency for the frequency sweep to 1 MHz.  
 "FREQ:STOP 2 GHz"  
 'sets the stop frequency for the frequency sweep to 2 GHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
100 MHz	0.01 Hz	START = (CENTER - SPAN/2)	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:FREQUENCY:STOP 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub> (RF<sub>max</sub> depending on model)**

This command sets the stop frequency for the sweep mode. STOP can be less than START.

This command is linked to the commands [:SOUR]:FREQ:CENT and [:SOUR]:FREQ:SPAN, i.e. changing these values causes the START value to change, and vice versa:

$$STOP = (CENTER + SPAN/2).$$

As with the **Frequency** value entered in the header, the OFFSet value is also taken into consideration with this command. The specified value range is therefore only effective if OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFSet values can be calculated using the following formula:

$$300 \text{ kHz} + OFFSet \dots RF_{max} + OFFSet$$

**Example:**       "Freq:STOP 2 GHz"  
                   'sets the stop frequency for the frequency sweep to 2 GHz.  
                   "Freq:STAR 1 MHz"  
                   'sets the start frequency for the frequency sweep to 1 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
500 MHz	0.01 Hz	STOP = (CENTer + SPAN/2)	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FREQuency:STEP[:INCRement] 0 Hz ... RF<sub>max</sub> - 100 kHz**

The command sets the step width for the frequency setting if the frequency values UP/DOWN are used and variation mode SOUR:FREQ:STEP:MODE USER is selected. The command is linked to **Variation Step** for manual control, i.e. the command also sets the step width of the rotary knob for **Variation Active on**. In the case of two-path instruments, the step width can be set separately for each path.

**Example:**       "Freq:STEP 50 kHz"  
                   'sets the step width for the frequency setting to 50 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 MHz	0.01 Hz	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FREQuency:STEP:MODE USER | DECimal**

This command activates (USER) or deactivates (DECimal) the user-defined step width used when varying the frequency value with the frequency values UP/DOWN. The command is linked to the command **Variation Active** for manual control, i.e. the command also activates/deactivates the user-defined step width used when varying the frequency value with the rotary knob. In the case of two-path instruments, the step width can be set separately for each path.

**Example:**       "Freq:STEP 50 kHz"  
                   'sets the step width for the frequency setting to 50 kHz.  
                   "Freq:STEP:MODE USER"  
                   'activates this step width for frequency variation with the rotary knob (manual control) and with frequency values UP/DOWN (remote control).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
DECimal	-	Device-specific

## SOURce:LFOutput Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for setting the LF signal source in CW and Sweep mode as well as for analog modulation. An LF generator is always available in the instrument, also in two-path instruments.

An LF sweep is set in several steps which are shown in the following example:

1. Set the sweep range.

```
LFOutput:FREQuency:START 4 kHz
LFOutput:FREQuency:STOP 10 kHz
```

2. Select linear or logarithmic sweep spacing.

```
LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:SPACing LIN
```

3. Set the step width and dwell time.

```
LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP[:LINear] 100 Hz
LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:DWELl 20 ms
```

4. Determine the sweep mode.

```
LFOutput:SWEep:MODE AUTO
```

5. Determine the trigger.

```
TRIGger0:SOURce SINGLE
```

6. Activate the sweep.

```
LFOutput:FREQuency:MODE SWEep
```

7. Trigger the sweep (depending on the mode).

```
LFOutput:SWEep:EXECute
```

The keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted. An error message is displayed if a suffix is specified.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency	0.1 Hz...1 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency:MANual	0.1 Hz...1 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency:MODE	CW FIXed   SWEep		
[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency:START	0.1 Hz...1 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency:STOP	0.1 Hz...1 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce:]LFOutput[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:DWELl	2 ms ... 10 s	s	
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:EXECute	-		
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:MODE	AUTO   MANual   STEP		
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:POINts	<numeric_value>		
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:SPACing	LINear   LOGarithmic		
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP:LINear]	0 ... (STOP - START)	Hz	
[SOURce:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP:LOGarithmic	0.01 ... 50 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce:]LFOutput:VOLTag	0 V ... 4 V	V	

**[SOURce:]LFOOutput:FREQuency 0.1 Hz... 1 MHz**

The command sets the frequency of the LF signal for CW mode (:SOUR:MODE CW mode). The setting is valid for all analog modulations (AM/FM/PhiM/Pulse) with internal modulation source.

In Sweep mode (SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE), the frequency is linked to the sweep frequency.

**Example:** "LFO:FREQ 5kHz"  
'sets the frequency of the LF signal to 5 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
1 kHz	0.1 Hz	LFO:FREQ for LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE linked to sweep frequency	Compliant

**[SOURce:]LFOOutput:FREQuency:MANual START ... STOP**

In Sweep mode (SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE) the command sets the frequency for the next sweep step in the **Step** sweep mode (SOUR:LFO:SWE:MODE MAN). Here only frequency values between the settings SOUR:LFO:FREQ:STAR and . . . :STOP are permitted. Each sweep step is triggered by a separate SOUR:LFO:FREQ:MAN command.

**Example:** "LFO:SWE:MODE MAN"  
'sets the **Step** sweep mode.

"LFO:FREQ:MAN 5 kHz"  
'sets an LF frequency of 5 kHz for the next step in the **Step** sweep mode.

"LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE"  
'sets the LF Sweep mode. An LF frequency of 5 kHz is output.

"LFO:FREQ:MAN 5.1 kHz"  
'triggers the next sweep step with a frequency of 5.1 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 kHz	0.1 Hz.	Compliant

**[SOURce:]LFOOutput:FREQuency:MODE CW|FIXed | SWEep**

The command sets the instrument operating mode and therefore also the commands used to set the output frequency.

**Parameters: CW|FIXed**  
The instrument operates in fixed-frequency mode. CW and FIXed are synonyms. The output frequency is set with [SOURce:]LFOOutput:FREQuency.

**SWEep**  
The instrument operates in SWEep mode. The frequency is set using the commands SOURce:LFOOutput:FREQuency:STARt; STOP or MANual.

**Example:** "LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE"  
'sets the SWEep mode. The settings under SOURce:LFOOutput:FREQuency:STARt; STOP; MANual become effective.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
CW	-	Compliant

[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency:STARt 0.1 Hz... 1 MHz

This command sets the start frequency for the LF Sweep mode.

**Example:** "RST\*" 'activates all presetsettings.  
 "LFO:SWE:MODE AUTO" 'sets the AUTO sweep mode, i.e. each trigger triggers a complete sweep.  
 "TRIG0:SOUR SING" 'sets the SINGle trigger mode, i.e. the sweep is triggered by the command :LFOutput:SWEep:EXECute or \*TRG.  
 "LFO:FREQ:STAR 100 kHz" 'sets the start frequency for the LF sweep to 100 kHz.  
 "LFO:FREQ:STOP 200 kHz" 'sets the stop frequency of the LF sweep to 200 kHz.  
 "LFO:FREQ:MODE SWE" 'sets the LF sweep mode.  
 "LFO:SWE:EXEC" 'a one-off LF sweep from 100 kHz to 200 kHz is performed. The linear step width is 1 kHz with a dwell time of 15 ms (preset values).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 kHz	0.1 Hz	Compliant

[SOURce:]LFOutput:FREQuency:STOP 0.1 Hz... 1 MHz

This command sets the stop frequency for the LF sweep.

**Example:** "LFO:FREQ:STOP 200 kHz" 'sets the stop frequency for the LF sweep to 200 kHz.  
 "LFO:FREQ:STAR 100 kHz" 'sets the start frequency for the LF sweep to 100 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
50 kHz	0.1 Hz	Compliant

[SOURce:]LFOutput[:STATe] ON | OFF

The command activates/deactivates the LF output.

**Example:** "LFO ON" 'activates the LF output. The settings under LFO:FREQ and LFO:SWE become effective.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific



[SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:DWELI 2 ms...10 s

The command sets the dwell time for each frequency step of the sweep.

**Example:** "LFO:SWE:DWEL 20 ms"  
'sets a dwell time of 20 ms.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10 ms	0.1 ms	Device-specific

[SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:EXECute

The command immediately starts an LF sweep. The MODE setting determines which sweep is executed, e.g. SOURCE:LFOutput:SWEep:FREQUENCY:MODE STEP. The command corresponds to the manual-control command EXECUTE SINGLE SWEEP.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "LFO:SWE:MODE STEP"  
'sets the step-by-step processing of the LF sweep.'  
  
"LFO:SWE:EXEC"  
'starts a step of the LF sweep.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:MODE AUTO | MANUAL | STEP

The command sets the cycle mode of the LF sweep.

The assignment of the IEC/IEEE-bus commands to the sweep modes is given in the description of the sweep menus.

**Parameters:** **AUTO**  
Each trigger triggers exactly one complete sweep.

**MANUAL**

The trigger system is not active. Each frequency step of the sweep is triggered individually, either by varying the **Current Frequency** value using the rotary knob under manual control or by means of a :LFOutput:FREQ:MAN command under remote control. With manual control, the frequency increases or decreases (depending on the direction of the rotary encoder) by the value specified under :LFOutput:FREQ:STEP:INCRement. With remote control, the frequency is set directly with the command :LFOutput:FREQ:MAN.

**STEP**

Each trigger triggers one sweep step only. The frequency increases by the value entered under [SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep:STEP.

**Example:** "LFO:SWE:MODE AUTO"  
'selects **Mode Auto**.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:POINTS <numeric\_value>**

The command sets the number of steps in an LF sweep. The command is linked to the command :LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:STEP as follows:

The following applies for linear sweeps and START < STOP:  $POINTS = ((STOP-START) / STEP:LIN) + 1$

The following applies for logarithmic sweeps and START < STOP:  
 $POINTS = ((\log STOP - \log START) / \log STEP:LOG) + 1$

If POINTS changes, the value of STEP is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

Two separate POINTS values are used for linear or logarithmic sweep spacing (LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:SPACING LIN | LOG). The command is always effective for the currently set sweep spacing.

**Example:** "LFO:FREQ:STAR"  
 'sets the start frequency to 2 kHz.  
 "LFO:FREQ:STOP"  
 'sets the stop frequency to 20 kHz.  
 "LFO:SWE:SPAC LIN"  
 'sets linear sweep spacing.  
 "LFO:SWE:POIN 11"  
 'sets 11 sweep steps for linear sweep spacing. The sweep step width (STEP) is automatically set to 2 kHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
100	1	The value of :LFO:SWE:STEP is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific (adapted to instrument properties)

**[SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:SPACING LINear | LOGarithmic**

The command selects linear or logarithmic sweep spacing.

**Example:** "LFO:SWE:SPAC LIN"  
 'selects linear sweep spacing.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
LINear	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE:]LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:STEP[:LINear] 0 ... (STOP - START)**

The command sets the step width for the linear sweep.

This command is linked to the command :LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:POINTS as follows:

The following applies for START < STOP:  $POINTS = ((STOP-START) / STEP:LIN) + 1$

If STEP:LIN changes, the value of POINTS is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

**Example:** "LFO:FREQ:STAR"  
 'sets the start frequency to 2 kHz.  
 "LFO:FREQ:STOP"  
 'sets the stop frequency to 20 kHz.  
 "LFO:SWE:SPAC LIN"  
 'sets linear sweep spacing.

"LFO:SWE:STEP 2 kHz"

'sets the sweep step width to 2 kHz. The number of sweep steps for linear sweep spacing (POINTS) is automatically set to 11.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
1kHz	0.1 Hz	The value of :LFO:SWE:POIN is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific

#### [SOURCE:]LFOOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:STEP:LOGarithmic 0.01 ... 100 PCT

The command specifies the step width factor for logarithmic sweeps. The next frequency value of a sweep is calculated (for START < STOP) using the following formula:

New frequency = Old frequency + STEP:LOG x Old frequency

STEP:LOG therefore gives the fraction of the old frequency. The frequency is increased by this fraction for the next sweep step. Usually STEP:LOG is given in percent, whereby the suffix PCT must always be used.

The command is linked to the command :LFOOutput:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:POINTS as follows:

The following applies for logarithmic sweeps and START < STOP:

$$\text{POINTS} = ((\log \text{STOP} - \log \text{START}) / \log \text{STEP:LOG}) + 1$$

If STEP:LOG changes, the value of POINTS is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

**Example:**

"LFO:FREQ:STAR"

'sets the start frequency to 1 kHz.

"LFO:FREQ:STOP"

'sets the stop frequency to 100 kHz.

"LFO:SWE:SPAC LOG"

'sets logarithmic sweep spacing.

"LFO:SWE:STEP:LOG 10PCT"

'sets the step width for logarithmic sweep spacing to 10% of the previous frequency in each instance.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
1 PCT	0.01 PCT	The value of :LFO:SWE:POIN is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific

#### [SOURCE:]LFOOutput:VOLTage 0 V...4 V

The command sets the output voltage of the LF output.

**Example:**

"LFO:VOLT 3 V"

'sets the voltage of the LF output to 3 V.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 V	0.001 V	Device-specific

## SOURce:LIST Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for the List mode of the instrument.

The following settings are required to operate the instrument in List mode:

1. Create a list.

If a list which does not exist is selected with the `:LIST:SEL` command, an empty list with the name of the selected list is created.

```
SOURce1:LIST:SEL "New_list"
```

2. Fill the list with values.

All list components must be of the same length. This does not apply to components of length 1.

This is interpreted as if the component has the same length as the other components and as if all values are the same as the first value.

```
SOURce1:LIST:FREQ 100 MHz, 110 MHz, 120 MHz, ...
```

```
SOURce1:LIST:POW 2dBm, -1dBm, 0dBm, ...
```

3. Select a list.

If a new empty file has been created with the `:LIST:SEL` command, this file is selected, otherwise an existing list must be selected before the List mode is activated.

```
SOURce1:LIST:SEL "Old_list"
```

4. Set the dwell time.

The dwell time determines the duration of the individual list steps.

```
SOURce1:LIST:DWELL 3ms
```

5. Set the List mode.

The List mode determines the way in which the list is processed.

In the example the list is processed once only or repeatedly depending on the trigger setting.

```
SOURce1:LIST:MODE AUTO
```

6. Determine the trigger.

In the example each trigger causes the list to be processed once from beginning to end.

```
SOURce:LIST:TRIGger:SOURce SINGLE
```

7. Activate the List mode.

```
SOURce1:FREQuency:MODE LIST
```

8. Trigger the list (depending on the mode).

```
SOURce1:LIST:TRIGger:EXECute
```

9. Deactivate the List mode.

```
SOURce1:FREQuency:MODE CW
```

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**Note:**

*SCPI refers to the individual lists as segments.*

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In the case of two-path instruments with two RF paths, the List mode is activated and set separately for the two RF outputs. The commands which affect selection and activated of the lists are therefore path-specific. The suffix under `SOURce` distinguishes the outputs:

`SOURce[1]` = RF output A

`SOURce2` = RF output B

The keyword `SOURce` is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword `SOURce` is optional and can be omitted.

The same lists are, however, accessed for both paths. File operations such as creating, deleting and querying lists are therefore path-independent. In this case, the suffix under SOURce must be omitted. An error message is displayed if the suffix is specified.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DELeTe	<list name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DELeTe:ALL			
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:CATalog?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:EX Tension	TXT   CSV		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:SE Lect	<ASCII file name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:SE Parator:COLumn	TABulator   SEMicolon   COMMa   SPACe		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:SE Parator:DECimal	DOT   COMMa		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:MODE	IMPort   EXPort		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:SELeCt	<list mode file>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DWELI	1 ms ... 1 s	s	
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:FREQuency	300kHz..RF <sub>max</sub> {, 300kHz..RF <sub>max</sub> }   block data	Hz	RF <sub>max</sub> depending on model
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:FREQuency:POINts?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:INDeX:STARt	0 ... list length		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:INDeX:STOP	0 ... list length		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:LEARn			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:MODE	AUTO   STEP   HOP   HOPD		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:POWer	-145 ... 30 dBm {, -145 ... 30 dBm}   block data	dBm	
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:POWer:AMODE	NORMal   HPOWer		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:POWer:POINts?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:RESet			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:SELeCT	<list name>		
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:TRIGger:EXECute			No query
[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:TRIGger:SOURce	AUTO IMMediate   SINGle BUS   EXTeRnal		

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:CATalog?**

The command requests a list of available lists. The individual lists are separated by commas.

The lists are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.lsw in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:LIST:CAT?, in which case the files in the specified directory are read.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\Lists\Listmode'"  
                       'selects the directory for the list mode files.  
                       "LIST:CAT?"  
                       'queries the available lists.  
                       Response: 'list1,list2'  
                       'the lists list1 and list2 are available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DELeTe '<list file name>'**

The command deletes the specified list.

The files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.lsw in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the command is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. To access the files in this directory, only the file name has to be given, without the path and the file extension. A path can also be specified in command :SOUR:LIST:CAT?, in which case the file in the specified directory is deleted.

\*RST does not affect data lists.

**Example:**           "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\Lists\Listmode'"  
                       'selects the directory for the list mode files.  
                       "LIST:DEL 'LIST1'"  
                       'deletes the list list1.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DELeTe:ALL**

The command deletes all lists in the set directory. The List mode must be deactivated beforehand to ensure that no lists are selected when this command is called (SOUR:FREQ:MODE CW or SWE).

The files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.lsw in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the command is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:LIST:CAT?, in which case all list mode files in the specified directory are deleted.

\*RST does not affect data lists.

**Example:**           "MMEM:CDIR 'D:\Lists\Listmode'"  
                       'selects the directory for the list mode files.  
                       "FREQ:MODE SWE"  
                       'deactivates the List mode for RF output and activates the Sweep mode.

```
"SOUR2:FREQ:MODE SWE"
  'deactivates the List mode for RF output and activates Sweep mode.

"LIST:DEL:ALL"
  'deletes all list mode files available in the set directory.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:CATalog?**

The command requests a list of available ASCII files for export/import of list mode data. The individual files are separated by commas.

The ASCII files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.txt or \*.csv in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:LIST:DEXC:AFIL:CAT?, in which case the files in the specified directory are read.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** MMEM:CDIR 'd:\lists\listmode\import'  
 'selects the directory for the ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs.

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:EXT TXT  
 'selects that ASCII files with extension \*.txt are listed.

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:CAT?  
 'queries the available files with extension \*.txt.

Response: 'list1,list2'  
 'the ASCII files list1.txt and list2.txt are available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]]2>:LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:EXTension TXT | CSV**

The command selects the file extension of the ASCII file to be imported or exported. Selection TXT (text file) or CSV (Excel file) is available.

**Example:** MMEM:CDIR 'd:\lists\listmode\import'  
 'selects the directory for the ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs.

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:EXT TXT  
 'selects that ASCII files with extension \*.txt are listed.

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:CAT?  
 'queries the available files with extension \*.txt.

Response: 'list1,list2'  
 'the ASCII files list1.txt and list2.txt are available.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
TXT	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:SELEct <ascii\_file\_name>**

The command selects the ASCII file to be imported or exported.

The ASCII files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.txt or \*.csv in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL, in which case the files are stored or loaded in the specified directory.

**Example:** LIST:DEXC:MODE IMP  
 'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and transferred into list mode lists.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list.csv'  
 'selects that ASCII file list.csv is imported.  
 LIST:DEXC:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list\_imp'  
 'selects that the ASCII file list.csv is imported into list mode list list\_imp.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:SEParator:COLumn TABulator | SEMicolon | COMMa | SPACe**

The command selects the separator between the frequency and level column of the ASCII table.

**Example:** LIST:DEXC:MODE EXP  
 'selects that the list mode list is exported into an ASCII file.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list.csv'  
 'selects ASCII file list.csv as destination for the list mode list data.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:COL TAB  
 'the pairs of frequency and level values are separated by a tabulator.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:DEC DOT  
 'selects the decimal separator dot.  
 LIST:DEXC:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list\_imp'  
 'selects that the list mode list list\_imp is imported into ASCII file list.csv.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SEMIColon	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DEXChange:AFILe:SEParator:DECimal DOT | COMMa**

The command the decimal separator used in the ASCII data between '.' (decimal point) and ',' (comma) with floating-point numerals.

**Example:** LIST:DEXC:MODE EXP  
 'selects that the list mode list is exported into an ASCII file.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list.csv'  
 'selects ASCII file list.csv as destination for the list mode list data.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:COL TAB  
 'the pairs of frequency and level values are separated by a tabulator.  
 LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEP:DEC DOT  
 'selects the decimal separator dot.



```
LIST:DEXC:SEL ' `d:\user\listmode\import\list_imp'
'selects that the list mode list list_imp is imported into ASCII file list.csv.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
DOT	-	Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]LIST:DEXChange:EXECute

The command starts the export or import of the selected file. When import is selected, the ASCII file is imported as list mode list. When export is selected, the list mode list is exported into the selected ASCII file.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**

```
LIST:DEXC:MODE IMP
'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and
transferred into list mode lists.

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL ' `d:\user\listmode\import\list.csv'
'selects that ASCII file list.csv is imported.

LIST:DEXC:SEL ' `d:\user\listmode\import\list_imp'
'selects that the ASCII file list.csv is imported into list mode list list_imp.

LIST:DEXC:EXEC
'starts the import of the ASCII file data into the list mode file.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]LIST:DEXChange:MODE IMPort | EXPort

The command selects if list mode lists should be imported or exported. Depending on the selection her, the file select command define either the source or the destination for list mode lists and ASCII files.

**Example:**

```
LIST:DEXC:MODE IMP
'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and
transferred into list mode lists.

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL ' `d:\user\listmode\import\list.csv'
'selects that ASCII file list.csv is imported.

LIST:DEXC:SEL ' `d:\user\listmode\import\list_imp'
'selects that the ASCII file list.csv is imported into list mode list list_imp.
```

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

#### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]LIST:DEXChange:SElect <list\_name>

The command selects the list mode list to be imported or exported.

The list mode files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.lsw in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the commands is defined with the command MMEMoRY:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command SOUR:LIST:DEXC:SEL, in which case the files are stored or loaded in the specified directory.

**Example:**

```
LIST:DEXC:MODE IMP
'selects that ASCII files with frequency and level value pairs are imported and
transferred into list mode lists.
```

LIST:DEXC:AFIL:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list.csv'  
 'selects that ASCII file list.csv is imported.

LIST:DEXC:SEL 'd:\user\listmode\import\list\_imp'  
 'selects that the ASCII file list.csv is imported into list mode list list\_imp.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:DWELI 1 ms ... 1 s

The command sets the time for which the instrument retains a setting.

**Example:** "LIST:DWEL 15"  
 'each setting in the list is retained for 15 ms.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10 ms	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:FREQUENCY 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub> {, 300 kHz...RF<sub>max</sub>} | block data (RF<sub>max</sub> depending on model)

The command fills the FREQUENCY part of the selected list with data. The data can be given either as a list of numbers (list can be of any length and list entries must be separated by commas) or as binary block data. When block data is transferred, 8 (4) bytes are always interpreted as a floating-point number with double accuracy (see the command FORMat:DATA).

\*RST does not affect data lists.

**Example:** "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
 'selects list3 for editing. List3 is created if it does not yet exist.  
 "SOUR:LIST:FREQ 1.4GHz, 1.3GHz, 1.2GHz,..."  
 'specifies the frequency values in list3. If the list already contains data, it is overwritten.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:FREQUENCY:POINTS?

The command queries the length (in points) of the FREQUENCY component of the selected list.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
 'selects list3 for editing. List3 is created if it does not yet exist.  
 "LIST:FREQ:POIN?"  
 'queries the number of frequency values in list3.  
 Response: "327"  
 'list3 has 327 frequency entries.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:INDEX:START 0 ... list length**

The command sets the start index of the index range which defines a subgroup of frequency/level value pairs in the current list. Only the values in the set index range (:LIST:INDEX:START ... :LIST:INDEX:STOP) are processed in List mode.

**Example:**       "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
                   'selects list3 for use in List mode.  
                   "LIST:IND:STAR 25"  
                   'sets 25 as start index of the index range.  
                   "LIST:IND:STOP 49"  
                   'sets 49 as stop index of the index range.  
                   "FREQ:MODE LIST"  
                   'activates List mode. The frequency/level value pairs from index 25 to index 49  
                   in list3 are processed. All other entries of the list are ignored.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:INDEX:STOP 0 ... list length**

The command sets the stop index of the index range which defines a subgroup of frequency/level value pairs in the current list. Only the values in the set index range (:LIST:INDEX:START ... :LIST:INDEX:STOP) are processed in List mode.

**Example:**       "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
                   'selects list3 for use in List mode.  
                   "LIST:IND:STAR 25"  
                   'sets 25 as start index of the index range.  
                   "LIST:IND:STOP 49"  
                   'sets 49 as stop index of the index range.  
                   "FREQ:MODE LIST"  
                   'activates List mode. The frequency/level value pairs from index 25 to index 49  
                   in list3 are processed. All other entries of the list are ignored.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:LEARn**

The command learns the selected list, i.e. it determines the hardware setting for the entire list. The data determined in this way is stored together with the list. When the list is activated for the first time, these settings are calculated automatically.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**       :LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
                   'selects list3. List3 is created if it does not yet exist.  
                   "LIST:LEAR"  
                   'starts learning of the hardware setting for list3 and stores the setting.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:MODE AUTO | STEP

The command specifies how the list is to be processed (similar to SOURce:SWEep:MODE).

**Parameters:** AUTO

Each trigger event triggers a complete list cycle. Possible trigger settings for :LIST:TRIGger:SOURce are AUTO, SINGLE and EXT.

**STEP**

Each trigger event triggers only one step in the list processing cycle. Possible trigger settings for :LIST:TRIGger:SOURce are SINGLE and EXT

**HOP**

Index-by-index cycle. The processed list index is determined by the external control signals provided via the serial FHOP bus on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument (see above, introduction to list mode). The external trigger signal is used (:LIST:TRIGger:SOURce EXT).

**DHOP**

Index-by-index cycle. The processed list index is determined by the external control signals provided via the serial FHOP bus on the Digital I/O interface at the rear of the instrument. Processing of the frequency and level settings associated with selected index is automatically started at the end of data transmission. The trigger source has to be set to external (:LIST:TRIGger:SOURce EXT).

**Example:** "LIST:MODE STEP"  
'selects step-by-step processing of the list.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:POWer -145 ...30 dBm {, -145 ...30 dBm} | block data

The command fills the Level part of the selected list with data. The data can be given either as a list of numbers (list can be of any length and list entries must be separated by commas) or as binary block data. When block data is transferred, 8 (4) bytes are always interpreted as a floating-point number with double accuracy (see the command FORMat:DATA).

\*RST does not affect data lists.

**Example:** "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
'selects list3 for editing. List3 is created if it does not yet exist.  
"LIST:POW 0dBm, 2dBm, 2dBm, 3dBm, .."  
'specifies the level values in list3. The number of level values must correspond to the number of frequency values. The previous data is overwritten.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:POWer:AMODE NORMAl | HPOWer

The command selects the ranges of level settings for the list mode. The level settings are either performed in the low level or in the high level ranges.

**Parameters:** NORMAl

**With Option High Power only:** The level settings are made in the range of the electronically switching attenuator. The high level ranges are not available.

**HPOWer**

**With Option High Power only:** The level settings are made in the range of the option. Only the high level range is available.

**Example:** "LIST:POW:AMOD HPOW"  
'selects the high level ranges for List Mode.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NORMAL	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:POWer:POINts?**

The command queries the length (in points) of the LEVEL part of the selected list.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
'selects list3 for editing. List3 is created if it does not yet exist.

"LIST:POW:POIN?"  
'queries the number of levels in list3.

Response: "327"  
'LIST2 has 327 level entries.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:RESet**

The command resets the list to the starting point.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no reset value.

**Example:** "LIST:RES"  
'resets the list to the starting point.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]>:]LIST:SElect '<list name>'**

The command selects the specified list. If a new list is to be created, the name can be entered here. The list is created if it does not yet exist. The list selected here is available for the further processing steps (editing) and is used in the instrument when the List mode is activated.

The files are stored with the fixed file extensions \*.lsw in a directory of the user's choice. The directory applicable to the command is defined with the command MMEMory:CDIR. A path can also be specified in command :SOUR:LIST:SEL in which case the list mode file in the specified directory is selected.

\*RST does not affect data lists.

**Example:** "LIST:SEL 'D:\Lists\Listmode\list3'"  
'selects list3 for editing. List3 is created if it does not yet exist.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]LIST:TRIGger:EXECute**

The command immediately starts the processing of a list in list mode. It corresponds to the manual-control command **Execute Single**.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no reset value.

**Example:** "SOUR:LIST:TRIG:EXEC"  
'triggers the processing of the selected list.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]LIST:TRIGger:SOURce AUTO | IMMEDIATE | SINGLE | EXTERNAL | BUS**

The command sets the trigger source for the LIST mode.

The names of the parameters correspond to those under sweep mode. SCPI uses other names for the parameters; these names are also accepted by the instrument. The SCPI names should be used if compatibility is an important consideration. An overview of the various names is given in the following table:

R&S name	SCPI name	Command under manual control
AUTO	IMMEDIATE	MODE AUTO
SINGLE	BUS	MODE SINGLE or STEP
EXTERNAL	EXTERNAL	MODE EXT TRIG SINGLE or EXT TRIG STEP

**Parameters: AUTO**

The trigger is free-running, i.e. the trigger condition is fulfilled continuously. The selected list in List mode is restarted as soon as it is finished.

**SINGLE**

The list is triggered by the IEC/IEEE-bus commands SOURce:LIST:TRIGger:EXECute. The list is executed once.

**EXTERNAL**

The list is triggered externally via the INST TRIG connector (Path A = BNC connector; Path B = Pin at AUX I/O interface). The list is executed once.

**Example:** "TRIG:LIST:SOUR EXT"  
'selects triggering by means of the external trigger. The trigger is input via the INST TRIG connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SINGLE	-	Device-specific

## SOURce:MODulation Subsystem

This subsystem contains the command for switching on/off all modulations.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]MODulation[:ALL]:STATe	ON   OFF		

### [SOURce:]MODulation[:ALL]:STATe ON | OFF

The command switches the modulations on and off. In the two-path mode, command :SOUR:MOD:ALL:STAT OFF switches all modulations off. A subsequent command :SOUR:MOD:ALL:STAT ON restores the status that was active before the last switch-off. **MOD OFF** is displayed in the info line of the header next to the **Level** field.

The keyword SOURce is optional. The setting is valid for both paths. If a suffix is specified, an error message is generated.

**Example:** "MOD:STAT OFF"  
'switches off all modulations.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
IN	-	Device-specific

## SOURce:PATH Subsystem

This subsystem contains the command for retrieving the number of installed RF paths.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]PATH:COUNT?			Query only

### [SOURce:]PATH:COUNT

The command queries the number of installed RF paths.

This command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "PATH:COUN?"  
'queries the number of RF paths.

Response: "1"  
'the instrument is equipped with one RF path.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

# SOURce:PHASe Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for adjusting the phase of the RF output signal relative to a reference signal of the same frequency.

In the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, the numerical suffix under SOURce distinguishes between RF output A and RF output B:

SOURce[1]= RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]PHASe	-359.9 deg ... +359.9 deg	RAD	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]PHASe:REFerence			No query

## [SOURce<[1]|2>:]PHASe -359.9 deg ... +359.9 deg

The command specifies the phase variation relative to the current phase. The variation can be specified in RADians.

**Example:** "PHAS 2DEG"  
'changes the phase by 2 degrees relative to the current phase.

"PHAS : REF"  
'adopts the set phase as the current phase.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0.0 deg	0.1 deg	Compliant

## [SOURce<[1]|2>:]PHASe:REFerence

The command adopts the phase set with SOURce:PHASe:ADJust as the current phase.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:** "PHAS 0.1RAD"  
'changes the phase by 0.1 rad relative to the current phase.

"PHAS : REF"  
'adopts the set phase as the current phase.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant



## SOURce:PM Subsystem

The PM subsystem contains the commands for checking the phase modulation. The settings for the internal modulation source (LF generator) are made in the SOURce:LFOuTput subsystem.

Phase modulation requires option R&S SMATE-B22 (PM/PhiM Modulator and Low Phase Noise). Two-path instruments require a second RF path (R&S SMATE-B20x option) and a second option R&S SMATE-B22.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1]>:]PM[:DEVIation]	0 ...20 RAD	RAD	
[SOURce<[1]>:]PM:EXTErnal:COUPling	AC   DC		
[SOURce<[1]>:]PM:MODE	HBANdwidth   HDEVIation   LNOise		
[SOURce<[1]>:]PM:SENSitivity?			Query only
[SOURce<[1]>:]PM:SOURce	EXT   INT   INT, EXT		
[SOURce<[1]>:]PM:STATe	ON   OFF		

### [SOURce<[1]>:]PM[:DEVIation] 0 ... 20 RAD

The command sets the modulation deviation of the phase modulation in RAD. The maximal deviation depends on the RF frequency set and the selected modulation mode (see data sheet).

**Example:** "PM 5"  
'sets the PM modulation deviation to 5 RAD.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 RAD	See data sheet	Compliant

### [SOURce<[1]>:]PM:EXTErnal:COUPling AC | DC

The command selects the coupling mode for the external modulation input (EXT MOD) in the case of phase modulation.

#### Note:

*Coupling for external feed via input EXT MOD can be set independently for modulations AM, PM and PhiM.*

**Parameters:** **AC**  
The DC voltage component is disconnected from the modulation signal.

**DC**  
The modulation signal is not changed.

**Example:** "PM:EXT:COUP AC"  
'selects the coupling mode AC for external phase modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AC	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]PM:MODE HBANdwidth | HDEViation | LNOise

The command selects the mode for the phase modulation.

**Parameters:** HBANdwidth

The maximum range for modulation bandwidth is available. However, phase noise is increased for low frequencies. The range for PhiM deviation is limited. This mode is recommended for high modulation frequencies.

**HDEViation**

The maximum range for PhiM deviation is available. Phase noise is improved for low frequencies. The range for modulation frequency is limited (see data sheet). This mode is recommended for low modulation frequencies and/or high PhiM deviation.

**LNOise**

Phase modulation with phase noise and spurious characteristics close to CW mode. The range for modulation bandwidth and PM deviation is limited (see data sheet)

**Example:** "PM:MODE LNO"  
'selects Low Noise mode for external phase modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
HBANdwidth	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]PM:SENSitivity?

The command queries the input sensitivity of the EXT MOD input in RAD/V. The command is only effective if the external modulation source is selected (SOUR:PM:SOUR EXT). The returned value depends on the modulation deviation setting (SOUR:PM:DEViation). This value is assigned to the voltage value for full modulation of the input.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "PM:DEV 1"  
'sets a modulation deviation of 1RAD.  
  
"PM:SENS?"  
'queries the input sensitivity at the EXT MOD input.  
  
Response: "1"  
'since the voltage value for full modulation is 1V, the resulting sensitivity is precisely 1RAD/V.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]PM:SOURce EXT | INT | INT,EXT

The command selects the modulation source for phase modulation. INT is the LF generator. The frequency of the internal modulation signal can be set in the SOURce:LFOuTput subsystem. The external signal is input at the EXT MOD connector. Internal and external modulation source can be selected at the same time.

**Example:** "PM:SOUR INT"  
'selects the internal modulation source.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]PM:STATe ON | OFF**

The command activates/deactivates phase modulation.

Activation of phase modulation deactivates phase modulation.

**Example:** "PM:STAT ON"  
'activates PM modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
OFF	-	PM:STATe ON deactivates phase modulation.	Compliant

## SOURce:POWer Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for setting the output level, level control and level correction of the RF signal. Other units can also be used instead of dBm:

by entering the unit directly after the numerical value (example : POW 0.5V),

by changing the DEFault unit in the UNIT system (see the command UNIT:POWER).

In the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, the numerical suffix under SOURce distinguishes between RF output A and RF output B:

SOURce[1] = RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:ALC:OMODE	SHOLd		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:ALC:SONCe			No query
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:ALC:STATe]	ON   OFF   AUTO		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:[LEVEL]:IMMEDIATE[:AMPLitude]	<numeric_value>	dBm	Depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:[LEVEL]:IMMEDIATE:OFFSet	-100 ...+100 dB	dB	Depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:[LEVEL]:IMMEDIATE:RCL	INCLude   EXCLude		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:LIMit[:AMPLitude]	<numeric_value>	dBm	Depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:MANual	<numeric_value>	dBm	Depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:MODE	FIXed CW   SWEep   LIST		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:PEP?		dBm	Query only
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:STARt	<numeric_value>	dBm	Depending on model
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:STEP[:INCRement]	0 ...100 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:STEP:MODE	USER   DECimal		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]POWer:STOP	<numeric_value>	dBm	Depending on model

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:ALC:OMODe SHOLd

The command sets the level control mode which becomes active when automatic level control is deactivated (**ALC Off**).

**Parameter:**       **SHOLd**  
                           Level control is activated briefly if the level or frequency changes (**ALC Off Sample & Hold**).

**Example:**       "POW:ALC OFF"  
                           'deactivates automatic level control for RF output A.  
                           "POW:ALC:OMOD SHOL"  
                           'level control is briefly activated if the frequency or level changes.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SHOLd		Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:ALC:SONCe

The command briefly activates level control for correction purposes.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:**       "POW:ALC OFF"  
                           'deactivates automatic level control for RF output A.  
                           "POW:ALC:SONC"  
                           'level control is performed once only.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:ALC[:STATe] ON | OFF | AUTO

The command activates/deactivates automatic level control.

**Parameters:**    **ON**  
                           Internal level control is permanently activated.  
                           **OFF**  
                           Internal level control is deactivated, Sample & Hold mode is activated.  
                           **AUTO**  
                           Internal level control is activated/deactivated automatically depending on the operating state.

**Example:**       "POW:ALC ON"  
                           'activates automatic level control for RF output A.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer[:LEVel][:IMMEdiate][:AMPLitude] Minimum level ... Maximal level

The command sets the RF output level in CW mode. In addition to numerical values, it is also possible to specify UP and DOWN. The level is then increased or decreased by the value specified under [SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:STEP.

As with the **Level** value entered in the header, the **OFFSet** value is also taken into consideration with this command.

The specified value range is therefore only effective if :SOURce:POWer:OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFSet values can be calculated using the following formula:

Minimum level + OFFSet ... Maximum level + OFFSet

The keywords of this command are largely optional. Therefore, both the long and short form of the command are shown in the example.

**Parameters:**      **Minimum level ... Maximum level**

The value range for the level setting varies according to the instrument model and depending on whether or not the instrument has the **High Power option**. The values are given in the data sheet.

**Example:**      "SOUR:POW:LEV:IMM:AMPL 15" or ":POW 15"  
'sets the RF level at output A to 15 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-30 dBm	0.01 dB	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:POWer[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:OFFSet -100 dB ... +100 dB**

**Caution:**

*The level offset is also effective for level sweeps!*

The command specifies the constant level offset of a downstream attenuator/amplifier. If a level offset is entered, the level entered with :POWer no longer corresponds to the RF output level. The following correlation applies:

$$:POWer = \text{RF output level} + POWer:OFFSet.$$

Entering a level offset does not change the RF output level, but rather the query value of :POWer.

Only dB is permitted as the unit here. The linear units (V, W, etc.) are not permitted.

The keywords of this command are largely optional. Therefore, both the long and short form of the command are shown in the example.

**Example:**      "SOURce:POWer:LEVel:IMMEDIATE:OFFSet -10"  
or  
"POW:OFFS 10"  
'sets the RF level offset to 10 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Compliant

**[SOURce:]POWer[:LEVel][:IMMEDIATE]:RCL INCLude | EXCLude**

The command determines whether the current level is retained or whether the stored level setting is adopted when an instrument configuration is loaded.

\*RST does not affect this setting. The setting is valid for both paths. If a suffix is specified, it is ignored.

**Parameters:**      **INCLude**

The stored level is also loaded when a stored instrument configuration is loaded.

**EXCLude**

The RF level is not loaded when a stored instrument configuration is loaded.  
The current level is retained.

**Example:** "POW:RCL INCL"  
'the stored level is set if the Recall command is called.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]]2>:POWer:LIMit[:AMPLitude] Minimum level ... Maximum level

The command limits the maximum RF output level in CW and SWEEP mode. It does not influence the LEVEL display or the response to the POW? query command.

**Parameters:** Minimum level ... Maximum level  
The value range for the level setting varies according to the instrument model and depending on whether or not the instrument has the **High Power option**. The values are given in the data sheet.

**Example:** "SOURce:POWer:LIMit:AMPLitude 10" or ":POW:LIM 10"  
'limits the RF level to maximum +10 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
+30 dBm	0.01 dB	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]]2>:POWer:MANual Minimum level ... Maximum level

In Sweep mode (:SOUR:POW:MODE SWE) the command sets the level for the next sweep step in the **Step** sweep mode (:SOUR:SWE:POW:MODE MAN). Here only level values between the settings [:SOUR]:POW:STAR and ...:STOP are permitted. Each sweep step is triggered by a separate :SOUR:POW:MAN command.

As with the **Level** value entered in the **RF Level** menu, the OFFSet value is also taken into consideration with this command.

The specified value range is therefore only effective if :SOURce:POWer:OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFset values can be calculated using the following formula:

Minimum level + OFFSet ... Maximum level + OFFSet

**Parameters:** Minimum level ... Maximum level  
The value range for the level setting varies according to the instrument model and depending on whether or not the instrument has the **High Power option**. The values are given in the data sheet.

**Example:** "POW:SWE:MODE MAN"  
'sets the **Step** sweep mode for RF output A.  
"POW:MAN -5 dBm"  
'sets an RF level of -5 dBm for the next setting in the **Step** sweep mode for RF output A.  
"POW:MODE SWE"  
'sets the Level Sweep mode for RF output A.  
"POW:MAN -5.5 dBm"  
'triggers the next sweep step with a level of -5.5 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-30 dBm	0.01 dBm	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:MODE CW|FIXed | SWEep | LIST

The command sets the instrument operating mode and therefore also the commands used to set the output level.

**Parameters:** CW|FIXed

The instrument operates at a constant level for the selected path. CW and FIXed are synonyms. The output level is set with :SOURce:POWer.

**SWEep**

The instrument operates in SWEep mode for the selected path. The level is set using the commands SOURce:POWer:STARt; STOP; MANual.

**LIST**

The instrument processes a list of frequency and level settings for the selected path. The List mode settings are made in the SOURce:LIST subsystem. The setting SOURce:POWer:MODE LIST also sets the command SOURce:FREQuency:MODE automatically to LIST.

**Example:**

"POW:MODE SWEep"  
 'sets the SWEep mode. The settings under SOURce:POW:STARt; STOP; MANual become effective.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
CW	-	POW:MODE LIST sets FREQ:MODE LIST	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:PEP?

With digital modulation and all digital standards, the command returns the peak envelope power (PEP) in dBm (the value which is shown under the **Level** specification in the PEP lines in the display header).

The command is a query and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**

"POW:PEP?"  
 'queries the PEP value for RF output A in the case of digital modulation.  
 Response: "4"  
 'the PEP value for RF output A is 4 dBm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
--	-	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:STARt Minimum level ... Maximum level

The command sets the RF start level in Sweep mode.

As with the **Level** value entered in the **RF Level** menu, the OFFSet value is also taken into consideration with this command.

The specified value range is therefore only effective if :SOURce:POWer:OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFset values can be calculated using the following formula:

Minimum level + OFFSet ...Maximum level + OFFSet

**Parameters:** Minimum level ... Maximum level

The value range for the level setting varies according to the instrument model and depending on whether or not the instrument has the **High Power option**. The values are given in the data sheet.

**Example:** "POW:STAR -20 dBm"  
 'sets the start level for the level sweep to -15 dBm for RF output A.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-30 dBm	0.01 dB	Compliant

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:STEP[:INCRement] 0 dB ... 100dB

The command sets the step width for the level setting if UP and DOWN are used as the level values and variation mode :SOUR:POW:STEP:MODE USER is selected. The command is linked to setting **Variation Step** for manual control, i.e. the command also sets the step width of the rotary knob for **Variation Active on**. In the case of two-path instruments, the step width can be set separately for each path.

**Example:** "SOURce:POWer:STEP:INCRement 2" or "POW:STEP 2"  
 'sets the step width for entering the RF level to 2 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:STEP:MODE USER | DECimal

This command activates (USER) or deactivates (DECimal) the user-defined step width used when varying the level value with the level values UP/DOWN. The command is linked to setting **Variation Active** for manual control, i.e. the command also activates/deactivates the user-defined step width used when varying the level value with the rotary knob. In the case of two-path instruments, the step width can be set separately for each path.

**Example:** "POW:STEP 2"  
 'sets the step width for the level setting to 2 dB.  
 "POW:STEP:MODE USER"  
 'actives this step width for level variation with the rotary knob (manual control) and with level values UP/DOWN (remote control).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
DECimal	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]POWer:STOP Minimum level ... Maximum level

The command sets the stop level in Sweep mode.

As with the **Level** value entered in the **RF Level** menu, the **OFFSet** value is also taken into consideration with this command.

The specified value range is therefore only effective if: SOURce:POWer:OFFSet is set to 0. The value range for other OFFset values can be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{Minimum level} + \text{OFFSet} \dots \text{Maximum level} + \text{OFFSet}$$

**Parameters:** Minimum level ... Maximum level

The value range for the level setting varies according to the instrument model and depending on whether or not the instrument has the **High Power option**. The values are given in the data sheet.

**Example:** "POW:STOP 3"  
 'sets the stop level for the level sweep to 3 dBm for RF output A.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-10 dBm	0.01 dB	Compliant



## SOURce:PULM Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for setting the pulse modulation.

The LF generator is used as the internal modulation source. The pulse frequency of the internal rectangular signal is therefore set in the SOURce:LFOUput subsystem.

The external modulation signal is input at the EXT MOD connector at the rear of the R&S Vector Signal Generator.

In the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, the pulse modulation can be set separately and independently for the two RF outputs. The suffix under SOURce distinguishes the outputs:

SOURce[1] = RF output A

SOURce2 = RF output B

The keyword SOURce is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

In case of one-path instruments, the keyword SOURce is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]PULM:POLarity	NORMal   INVerted		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]PULM:SOURce	INT   EXT		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]PULM:STATe	ON   OFF		

### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]PULM:POLarity NORMal | INVerted

The command sets the polarity between modulating and modulated signal. This command is only effective for an external modulation signal.

**Parameters:**     **NORMal**

The RF signal is suppressed during the pulse pause.

**INVerted**

The RF signal is suppressed during the pulse.

**Example:**

"PULM:SOUR EXT"

'selects the external modulation source.

"PULM:POL INV"

'selects inverted polarity.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NORMal	-	Device-specific

### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]PULM:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal | CODer

The command selects the source for pulse modulation.

**Parameters:**     **INTernal**

The internally generated rectangular signal is used for the pulse modulation. The frequency of the internal signal can be set in the SOURce:LFOUput subsystem.

**EXTernal**

The signal applied externally via the EXT MOD connector is used for the pulse modulation.

**Example:** "PULM:SOUR INT"  
 'selects the internal modulation source.  
 "PULM:STAT ON"  
 'activates the pulse modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Compliant

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]PULM:STATe ON | OFF**

The command activates/deactivates the pulse modulation.

**Example:** "PULM:STAT ON"  
 'activates pulse modulation with the modulation source selected under  
 SOURce:PULM:SOURce.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Compliant

## SOURce:ROSCillator Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for setting the external and internal reference frequency.

In the case of two-path instruments, this setting is effective for all paths. No suffix should therefore be specified under SOURce.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]ROSCillator:EXternal:FREQuency	5 MHz   10 MHz   13 MHz	Hz	
[SOURce:]ROSCillator:EXternal:SBANdwidth			
[SOURce:]ROSCillator[:INternal]:ADJust[:STATE]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce:]ROSCillator[:INternal]:ADJust:VALue	0 ... 4095		
[SOURce:]ROSCillator:SOURce	INternal   EXternal		

### [SOURce:]ROSCillator:EXternal:FREQuency 5 MHz | 10 MHz | 13 MHz

The command informs the instrument of the frequency of the external reference.

**Example:** "ROSC:SOUR EXT"  
'selects the external source. The reference must be input at the REF IN input.  
"ROSC:EXT:FREQ 5 MHz"  
'informs the instrument that the external reference frequency is 5 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10 MHz	-	Compliant

### [SOURce:]ROSCillator:EXternal:SBANdwidth NARRow | WIDe

The command selects the synchronization bandwidth for an external reference signal.

**Parameters:** **NARRow**  
Synchronization bandwidth is approx. 1 Hz.  
**WIDe**  
Synchronization bandwidth is approx. 750 Hz.

**Example:** "ROSC:SOUR EXT"  
'selects the external source.  
"ROSC:EXT:FREQ 5 MHz"  
'informs the instrument that the external reference has a frequency of 5 MHz.  
"ROSC:EXT:SBAN WID"  
'selects wideband setting for synchronization bandwidth.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NARRow	-	Device-specific

### [SOURce:]ROSCillator[:INternal]:ADJust:VALue 0 ... 4095

The command specifies the frequency correction value (adjustment value).

**Example:** "ROSC:ADJ:VAL 1400"  
'sets the adjustment value to 1400.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1400	1	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]ROSCillator[:INTernal]:ADJust[:STATe] ON | OFF**

The command determines whether the calibrated (OFF) or a user-defined (ON) adjustment value is used for fine adjustment of the frequency. With STATe ON, the instrument is no longer in the calibrated state.

**Example:**       "ROSC:SOUR INT"  
                      'selects the internal source.

                      "ROSC:ADJ ON"  
                      'activates use of a user-defined adjustment value.

                      "ROSC:ADJ:VAL 1400"  
                      'sets the adjustment value to 1400.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]ROSCillator:SOURce INTernal | EXTernal**

The command selects between internal and external reference frequency.

**Parameters:**    **INTernal**  
                      The internal reference oscillator is used.

**EXTernal**  
An external reference signal is used. It must be input at the REF IN connector at the rear of the instrument. The instrument is informed of the frequency of the external reference signal by means of the command  
SOURce:ROSCillator:EXTernal:FREQuency.

**Example:**       "ROSC:SOUR EXT"  
                      'selects the external source.

                      "ROSC:EXT:FREQ 5 MHz"  
                      'informs the instrument that the external reference has a frequency of 5 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
INTernal	-	Device-specific

## SOURce:SWEep Subsystem

This subsystem contains the commands for checking the RF sweeps, i.e. the sweeps of the RF generators. Sweeps are always triggered, except for the `MANual` sweep mode. The frequency sweep is activated by the command `SOURce:FREQuency:MODE SWEep`, and the level sweep by the command `SOURce:POWer:MODE SWEep`. All sweeps, including the LF sweep, can be set independently of each other.

In the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, the numerical suffix under `SOURce` distinguishes between RF output A and RF output B:

`SOURce<1>` = RF output A

`SOURce2` = RF output B

The keyword `SOURce` is optional with commands for RF output A and can be omitted. For RF output B, the command must contain the keyword together with the suffix 2.

For one-path instruments, the keyword `SOURce` is optional and can be omitted.

A sweep is set in several steps which are shown below taking a frequency sweep as an example:

1. Set the sweep range.

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FREQuency:CENTer 200 MHz
```

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FREQuency:SPAN 300 MHz
```

2. Select linear or logarithmic spacing.

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:SPACing LIN
```

3. Set the step width and dwell time.

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP:LINear 20 MHz
```

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:DWELl 12 ms
```

4. Select the trigger mode.

```
TRIGGer<[1]|2>:FSWeep:SOURce SINGLE
```

5. Select the sweep mode and activate the sweep.

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:MODE AUTO
```

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]FREQuency:MODE SWEep
```

6. Trigger the sweep.

```
[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:EXECute
```

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:DWELI	2 ms ... 10 s	s	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:EXECute	-		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:MODE	AUTO   MANual   STEP		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:POINts	<numeric_value>		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:SPACing	LINear   LOGarithmic		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP[:LINear]	0 ... (STOP - START)	Hz	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP:LOGarithmic	0.01 ... 9999 PCT		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:AMODE	NORMal   HPOWer		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:DWELI	2 ms...10 s	s	
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:EXECute	-		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:MODE	AUTO   MANual   STEP		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:POINts	<numeric_value>		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:SPACing:MODE			Query only
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:POWer:STEP[:LOGarithmic]	0.1 ...20 dB		
[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep:RESet[:ALL]			No query

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:DWELI 3 ms...10 s**

The command sets the time taken for each frequency step of the sweep.  
 The keyword [ :FREQuency ] can be omitted (see example). The command is then SCPI-compliant.

**Example:** "SWE:DWEL 12 ms"  
 'sets a dwell time of 12 ms for a frequency sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10 ms	0.1 ms	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:EXECute**

The command triggers a sweep.  
 The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SWE:FREQ:EXEC"  
 'triggers a frequency sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:MODE AUTO | MANual | STEP**

The command sets the sweep mode.  
 The keyword [ :FREQuency ] can be omitted (see example). The command is then SCPI-compliant.

**Parameters:** **AUTO**  
 Each trigger triggers exactly one complete sweep.

**MANual**  
 The trigger system is not active. Each frequency step of the sweep is triggered individually, either by varying the **Current Frequency** value using the rotary knob under manual control or by means of a `FREQ:MAN` command under remote control. With manual control, the frequency increases or decreases (depending on the direction of the rotary encoder) by the value specified under `FREQ:STEP:INCRement`. With remote control, the frequency is set directly with the command `:FREQ:MAN`.

**STEP**

Each trigger triggers one sweep step only (**Mode Single Step**). The frequency increases by the value entered under SOUR:SWE:FREQ:STEP:LIN (linear spacing) or ...:STEP:LOG (logarithmic spacing).

**Example:**

"SWE:MODE AUTO"  
'selects **Mode Auto** for a frequency sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Device-specific

**[SOURCE<[1]|2>:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:POINTs <numeric\_value>**

The command sets the number of steps in an RF sweep. The command is linked to the command :SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:STEP as follows:

The following applies for linear sweeps:  $POINTs = (SPAN / STEP:LIN) + 1$

The following applies for logarithmic sweeps and START < STOP:

$$POINTs = ((\log STOP - \log START) / \log STEP:LOG) + 1$$

If POINTs changes, the value of STEP is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

Two separate POINTs values are used for linear or logarithmic sweep spacing (:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:SPACing LIN | LOG). The command is always effective for the currently set sweep spacing.

**Example:**

"FREQ:STAR"  
'sets the start frequency to 100 MHz.  
"FREQ:STOP"  
'sets the stop frequency to 500 MHz.  
"SWE:SPAC LIN"  
'sets linear sweep spacing.  
"SWE:POIN 401"  
'sets 401 sweep steps for linear sweep spacing. The sweep step width (STEP) is automatically set to 1 MHz.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
	-	The value of :SWE:STEP is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific (adapted to instrument properties)

**[SOURCE<[1]|2>:SWEep[:FREQUENCY]:SPACing LINear | LOGarithmic**

The command selects linear or logarithmic sweep spacing.

The keyword [:FREQUENCY] can be omitted (see example). The command is then SCPI-compliant.

**Example:**

"SWE:SPAC LIN"  
'selects linear sweep spacing for a frequency sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
LIN	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP[:LINear] 0 ... (STOP - START)**

The command sets the step width for linear sweeps.

This command is linked to the command :SWEep[:FREQuency]:POINts as follows:

$$POINts = (SPAN / STEP:LIN) + 1$$

If STEP:LIN changes, the value of POINts is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

The keywords [:FREQuency] and [:LINear] can be omitted (see example). The command is then SCPI-compliant.

**Example:**        "FREQ:STAR"  
                       'sets the start frequency to 100 MHz.  
                       "FREQ:STOP"  
                       'sets the stop frequency to 500 MHz.  
                       "SWE:SPAC LIN"  
                       'sets linear sweep spacing.  
                       "SWE:STEP 2 MHz"  
                       'sets the step width for linear sweep spacing to 2 MHz (RF sweep at the RF output. The number of sweep steps for linear sweep spacing (POINts) is automatically set to 201.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
1 MHz	0.1 Hz.	The value of :SWE:POINts is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep[:FREQuency]:STEP:LOGarithmic 0.01 ... 9999 PCT**

The command specifies the step width factor for logarithmic sweeps. The next frequency value of a sweep is calculated (for START < STOP) using the following formula:

$$\text{New frequency} = \text{Old frequency} + STEP:LOG \times \text{Old frequency}$$

STEP:LOG therefore gives the fraction of the old frequency. The frequency is increased by this fraction for the next sweep step. Usually STEP:LOG is given in percent, whereby the suffix PCT must always be used.

The command is linked to the command :SWEep[:FREQuency]:POINts for START < STOP as follows:

$$POINts = ((\log STOP - \log START) / \log STEP:LOG) + 1$$

If STEP:LOG changes, the value of POINts is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

**Example:**        "FREQ:STAR"  
                       'sets the start frequency to 100 MHz.  
                       "FREQ:STOP"  
                       'sets the stop frequency to 500 MHz.  
                       "SWE:SPAC LOG"  
                       'sets logarithmic sweep spacing.  
                       "SWE:STEP:LOG 10PCT"  
                       'sets the step width for logarithmic sweep spacing to 10% of the previous frequency in each instance (for a frequency sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
1 PCT	0.01 PCT	The value of :SWE:POIN is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific



[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:AMODe NORMal | HPOWer

The command selects the ranges of level settings for the level sweep. The sweep is either performed in the low level or in the high level ranges.

**Parameters:**       **NORMal**

**With Option High Power only:** The level settings are made in the range of the electronically switching attenuator. The high level ranges are not available.

**HPOWer**

**With Option High Power only:** The level settings are made in the range of the option. Only the high level range is available.

**Example:**           "SWEEP:POW:AMOD HPOW"  
                  'selects the high level ranges.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
NORMal	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:DWELI 2 ms...10 s

The command sets the time taken for each level step of the sweep.

**Example:**           "SWEEP:POW:DWEL 12 ms"  
                  'sets a dwell time of 12 ms for a level sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
10 ms	0.1 ms	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:EXECute

The command triggers a sweep.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SWEEP:POW:EXEC"  
                  'trigger a level sweep at the RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:MODE AUTO | MANual | STEP

The command sets the cycle mode of the level sweep.

**Parameters:**       **AUTO**

Each trigger triggers exactly one complete sweep.

**MANual**

The trigger system is not active. Each level step of the sweep is triggered individually, either by varying the **Current Level** value using the rotary knob under manual control or by means of a POW:MAN command under remote control. With manual control, the level increases or decreases (depending on the direction of the rotary encoder) by the value specified under POW:STEP:INCRement. With remote control, the level is set directly with the command POW:MAN.

**STEP**

Each trigger triggers one sweep step only. The level increases by the value entered under :SWEep:POWer:STEP:LOGarithmic.

**Example:** "SWE:POW:MODE AUTO"  
'selects **Mode Auto** for a level sweep at RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
AUTO	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:POINts <numeric\_value>**

The command sets the number of steps in a level sweep. The command is linked to the command :SWEep:POWer:STEP as follows:

$$POINTs = ((STOP - START) / STEP:LOG) + 1$$

If POINTs changes, the value of STEP is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

**Example:** "POW:STAR - 30 dBm"  
'sets the start frequency to -30 dBm.  
"POW:STOP - 10 dBm"  
'sets the stop frequency to -10 dBm.  
"SWE:POW:POIN 20"  
'sets 20 sweep steps. The sweep step width (STEP) is automatically set to 1 dB.

*RST value	Resolution	Correlation	SCPI
20 dB	-	The value of :SWE:POW:STEP is adjusted automatically.	Device-specific (adapted to instrument properties)

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:SPACing:MODE?**

The command queries the sweep spacing. The sweep spacing for level sweeps is always linear.

This command is a query command and has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SWE:POW:SPAC:MODE?"  
'queries the sweep spacing for a level sweep at RF output.  
Result: "LIN"  
'linear spacing.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:POWer:STEP[:LOGarithmic] 0.01 ... 165 dB**

The command sets the step width factor for logarithmic sweeps. The next level value of a sweep is calculated (for START < STOP) using the following formula:

$$\text{New level} = \text{Old level} + STEP:LOG \times \text{Old level}$$

STEP:LOG therefore gives the fraction of the old level. The level is increased by this fraction for the next sweep step. Usually STEP:LOG is given in decibels, whereby the suffix dB must always be used.

The command is linked to the command :SWEep:POWer:POINts for START < STOP as follows:

$$POINTs = ((STOP - START) / STEP:LOG) + 1$$

If STEP:LOG changes, the value of POINTs is adjusted. The START and STOP value is retained.

**Example:** "SWE:POW:STEP 10dB"  
 'sets the step width for logarithmic sweep spacing to 10 dB of the previous level in each instance (for a level sweep at RF output).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:]SWEep:RESet[:ALL]**

The command resets all active sweeps to the starting point.  
 The command triggers an event and therefore has no reset value.

**Example:** "SWE:RES"  
 'resets all active sweeps to the starting point.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

# SOURce-INPut Subsystem

The SOURce:INPut subsystem contains the commands for configuring the inputs for trigger, data and control signals.

A common trigger threshold and input impedance is effective for all trigger and control signal inputs (Path A and Path B). The settings influence the digital modulations, the generation of waveforms or multicarrier signals, and all digital standards. Irrespective of this, a common threshold and input impedance is effective for the serial and parallel data input (Path A only). These data sources are available for digital modulation (**Custom Digital Modulation**).

The instrument trigger setting influences all sweeps and is effective in the List mode (Instrument Trigger, Path A and Path B).

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]INPut:DATA:IMPedance	G50   G1K		
[SOURce:]INPut:DATA:THReshold	0 ... 2 V		
[SOURce:]INPut:MODext:IMPedance	G50   HIGH		
[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:BBANd:SLOPe	POSitive   NEGative		
[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:IMPedance	G50   G1K		
[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:LEVel	0 ... 2 V		
[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:SLOPe	POSitive   NEGative		

## [SOURce:]INPut:DATA:IMPedance G50 | G1K

The command sets the impedance of all data inputs.

The setting affects the serial data input DATA at the front of the instrument and the serial data inputs DATA at the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument.

**Example:** "INP:DATA:IMP G50"  
 'all data inputs are set to 50 ohm to ground.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
G1K	-	Device-specific

## [SOURce:]INPut:DATA:THReshold 0 ... 2 V

The command sets the high/low threshold of the data inputs in the baseband section. In the case of positive polarity, this threshold determines the point as of which a signal is high (active) or low (inactive).

The setting affects the serial data input DATA at the front of the instrument and the serial data inputs DATA at the AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument.

**Example:** "INP:DATA:THR 1 V"  
 'a high/low threshold of 1 volt is set at all data inputs of the baseband section. The signal is high (active) for a signal voltage of 1 volt and higher.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]INPut:MODext:IMPedance HIGH | G50**

The command sets the impedance of the EXT MOD input.

This setting affects all analog modulations which use the external modulation source.

**Parameters:**     **HIGH**  
                          > 100 kOhm to ground

**G50**  
                          50 Ohm to ground

**Example:**         "INP:MOD:IMP G50"  
                      'the EXT MOD input is set to 50 ohm to ground.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
G50	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:BBANd:SLOPe POSitive | NEGative**

The command sets the active slope of an externally applied trigger signal at the **TRIGGER 1 | 2** connectors. The setting is effective for both connectors at the same time.

**Example:**         "INP:TRIG:BBAN:SLOP NEG"  
                      'the active slope of the external trigger signal at the TRIGGER 1 and 2 connector is the falling slope.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
POSitive	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:IMPedance G1K | G50**

The command sets the impedance of the trigger and control signal inputs.

The setting affects the TRIGGER 1 and 2, and CLOCK inputs (BNC connectors at the front of the instrument), and the CW, BURST, and LEV\_ATT inputs (AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument).

**Parameters:**     **G1K**  
                          1 kOhm to ground

**G50**  
                          50 Ohm to ground

**Example:**         "INP:TRIG:IMP G50"  
                      'all trigger and control signal inputs are set to 50 ohm to ground. This setting is recommended in the case of high clock rates.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
G1K	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:LEVel 0...2 V**

The command sets the high/low threshold of the trigger and control signal inputs in the baseband section. In the case of positive polarity, this threshold determines the point as of which a signal is high (active) or low (inactive).

The setting affects the TRIGGER 1 and 2, and CLOCK inputs (BNC connectors at the front of the instrument), and the CW, BURST, and LEV\_ATT inputs (AUX I/O interface at the rear of the instrument).

**Example:**           "INP:TRIG:LEV 1 V"  
                   'a high/low threshold of 1 volt is set at all trigger and control signal inputs of the baseband section. In the case of positive polarity, the signal is high (active) for a signal voltage of 1 volt and higher.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 V	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]INPut:TRIGger:SLOPe POSitive | NEGative**

The command sets the active slope of an externally applied trigger signal at the INST TRIG inputs (BNC connector at the rear of the instrument for Path A, pin at the AUX I/O interface for Path B). The setting is effective for both inputs at the same time.

**Example:**           "INP:TRIG:SLOP NEG"  
                   'the active slope of the external trigger signal at the INST TRIG inputs (BNC connector and AUX I/O interface) is the falling slope.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
POSitive	-	Device-specific

## SOURce-IQ Subsystem - I/Q Modulation

This subsystem contains the commands for checking the I/Q modulation.

I/Q modulation can be activated for both RF outputs in the case of two-path instruments with a second RF path, a second R&S Baseband Main Module, and one of the options R&S Baseband Generator, R&S External Baseband Input (if available) or R&S Noise Generator.

SOURce[1] = Path A

SOURce2 = Path B

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:CREStfactor	0...30 dB	dB	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:GAIN	DBM3   DB0   DB3   DB6		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:IMPairment:IQRatio[:MAGNitude]	-12.0...12.0 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:IMPairment:LEAKage:I	0 ... 50.0 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:IMPairment:LEAKage:Q	0 ... 50.0 PCT	PCT	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:IMPairment:QUADrature[:ANGLE]	-10.0...10.0 DEG	DEG	
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:IMPairment[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:SOURce	ANALog   BASeband		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:SWAP[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce<[1] 2>:]IQ:WBState	ON   OFF		

### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]IQ:CREStfactor 0...30 dB

This command specifies the crest factor of the external analog signal.

**Example:** "IQ:CRESt 10"  
'specifies a crest factor of 10 dB for the external analog signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

### [SOURce<[1]|2>:]IQ:GAIN DBM3 | DB0 | DB3 | DB6

This command specifies the baseband gain for the external analog wideband I/Q signal. Thus, the modulation of the I/Q modulator can be optimized for any measurement requirement. The gain settings for an internal or external baseband signal are performed with command

:SOURce:BB:IQGain.

**Parameters:** **DBM3**  
Activates -3 dB gain. With this setting, signal distortions are minimized.

**DB0**  
Activates 0 dB gain (standard settings).

**DB3**  
Activates 3 dB gain. This setting is recommended for 3GPP signals with very high adjacent channel power ratio (ACPR).

**DB6**  
Activates 6 dB gain. With this setting, signal noise is minimized.

**Example:** "IQ:SOUR ANAL"  
 'selects an external analog signal as the input signal for the I/Q modulator.  
 The signal must be applied at the inputs **I** and **Q**.  
 "IQ:GAIN DB0"  
 'sets gain 0 dB (standard).

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
External Wideband: 3 dB	0.01 dB	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:IMPairment:IQRatio[:MAGNitude] -12 ... +12 PCT**

This command sets the ratio of I modulation to Q modulation (amplification “imbalance”).

**Example:** "IQ:IMP:IQR 3 PCT"  
 'sets the imbalance to 3 percent.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 PCT	0.05 PCT	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:IMPairment:LEAKage:I 0 ... 50 PCT**

This command sets the carrier offset for the I-channel of the I/Q modulation.

**Example:** "IQ:IMP:LEAK:I 3 PCT"  
 'sets the leakage for the I-channel to 3 percent.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 PCT	0.05 PCT	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:IMPairment:LEAKage:Q 0 ... 50 PCT**

This command sets the carrier leakage amplitude for the Q-channel of the I/Q modulation.

**Example:** "IQ:IMP:LEAK:Q 3 PCT"  
 'sets the leakage for the Q-channel to 3 percent.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 PCT	0.05 PCT	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:IMPairment:QUADrature[:ANGLE] -10.0 ... 10.0 DEG**

This command sets the quadrature offset for the I/Q modulation.

**Example:** "IQ:IMP:QUAD:ANGL -5DEG"  
 'sets the quadrature offset to -5 degrees.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 DEG	0.02 DEG	Device-specific



**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:IMPairment[:STATe] ON | OFF**

The command activates (ON) and deactivates (OFF) the three impairment or correction values LEAKage, QUADrature and IQRatio for the analog signal in the I/Q modulator.

**Example:** "IQ:IMP OFF"  
'deactivates I/Q impairment.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:SOURce ANALog | BASEband**

This command selects the input signal for the I/Q modulator. In case of two-path instruments, this selection is only available for Path A (SOURce [1]). The input signal for the I/Q modulator of Path B is always the internal baseband signal (BASEband)

**Example:** "IQ:SOUR ANAL"  
'selects an external analog signal as the input signal. The signal must be applied at the inputs I and Q.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
BASEband		Selecting ANALog (Wideband I/Q In) switches off: SOURce:AM:STATe OFF SOURce:BBAM:STATe OFF SOURce:BB:DM:STATe OFF SOURce:BB:<standard>:STATe OFF SOURce:BBIN:STATe OFF	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:STATe ON | OFF**

This command activates and deactivates I/Q modulation.

**Example:** "IQ:STAT ON"  
'activates I/Q modulation.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:SWAP[:STATe] ON | OFF**

When set to ON, this command swaps the I and Q channel.

**Example:** "IQ:SWAP ON"  
'swaps the I and Q channel.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

**[SOURce<[1]|2>:IQ:WBSTate ON | OFF**

This command selects optimized setting for wideband modulation signals (>5 MHz) (State ON).

**Example:** "IQ:WBST ON"  
'activates optimized setting for wideband signals.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Device-specific

# SOURce-IQ-OUTPut Subsystem - Differential Outputs

This subsystem contains the commands for configuring the differential output.

For two-path instruments the outputs can be assigned either to path A or to path B. Assignment is performed with command `SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce`.

Therefore, key word `SOURce` is without suffix in this sub system, it is optional and can be omitted.

For one-path instruments, the key word `SOURce` is optional and can be omitted.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:COUPling[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:I	-2.50 .. 2.50V	V	
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:OPTimization[:RF]:STATe	ON   OFF		
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:Q	-2.50 .. 2.50V	V	
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:LEVEl	<numeric value>	V	
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:MODE	FIXed   VARiable		
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:OFFSet:I	0 .. 600mV	V	
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:OFFSet:Q	0 .. 600mV	V	
[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:TYPE	SINGle   DIFFerential		

## [SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:COUPling[:STATe] ON | OFF

This command activates/deactivates coupling of bias setting of the I-signal and Q-signal component. For activated coupling, the setting can be made for the I-signal component, it automatically applies to the Q-signal component as well.

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command `SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce`.

**Example:** `"IQ:OUTP:BIAS:COUP ON"`  
 'activates coupling of bias settings of the two components.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
ON		If coupling is activated, settings made for the I-signal component ( <code>SOUR:IQ:OUT:BIAS:I</code> ) automatically applies to the Q-signal ( <code>SOUR:IQ:OUT:BIAS:Q</code> )	Device-specific

## [SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:I -2.50 .. 2.50V

## [SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:Q -2.50 .. 2.50V

This command sets the amplifier bias.

The maximum overall voltage depends on the I/Q output type.

Single ended:`SOUR:IQ:OUTPut:LEV + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I|Q + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I|Q` is ≤ 3.7 volts.

Differential:`SOUR:(IQ:OUTPut:LEV/2) + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I|Q + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I|Q` is ≤ 3.7 volts.

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command `SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce`.

**Example:** `"IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I 0.1 V"`  
 'sets a bias of 100 mV for the I-signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 V	2mV	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:OPTimization[:RF]:STATe** ON | OFF

This command activates/deactivates optimization of level accuracy and imbalance for RF Output. Level accuracy and imbalance can be either optimized for RF output (active) or for differential outputs (not active).

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command `SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce`

**Example:**           `"IQ:OUTP:BIAS:OPT:STAT ON"`  
                          'activates optimization for RF output.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF		Device-specific

**[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:LEVel** <numeric value>

This command sets the off-load voltage. The maximum overall voltage depends on the I/Q output type.

**Single ended:**`SOUR:IQ:OUTPut:LEV + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I|Q + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I|Q` is  $\leq 3.7$  volts.

**Differential:**`SOUR:(IQ:OUTPut:LEV/2) + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I|Q + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I|Q` is  $\leq 3.7$  volts.

The value range differs for the two output types.

**Differential output:** Value range:  $\pm 2,0$  Volt (corresponds to 0 ... 3.7 Volt open-circuit voltage). The maximum overall output voltage (**Level EMF + Bias + Offset**) is 3.7 volts.

**Single Ended:** Value range:  $\pm 1,0$  Volt (corresponds to 0 ... 2 Volt peak-peak).

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command `SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce`.

**Example:**           `"IQ:OUTP:LEV 2 V"`  
                          'sets a off-load level of 2 V.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
1 V	0.001 V	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:MODE** FIXed | VARiable

This command selects the mode for setting the outputs.

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command `SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce`.

**Parameter:**       **FIXed**  
                          The settings are fixed and cannot be changed.  
                          (`IQ:OUTPut:BIAS:I|Q = 0V`, `IQ:OUTPut:OFFSet:I|Q = 0V` and `IQ:OUTPut:LEVel = 2V` (TYPE DIFFerential) or `1V` (TYPE SINGLE).

**VARiable**  
                          The settings can be changed.

**Example:**           `"IQ:OUTP:MODE FIX"`  
                          'the predefined settings are used.

*RST value	Resolution	Dependencies	SCPI
FIXed	-	Selection FIXed locks all <code>IQ:OUTPut</code> -commands except for <code>IQ:OUTPut:TYPE</code> and sets them to predefined values (see above).	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:OFFSet:I** 0.01 .. 1.0 V

**[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:OFFSet:Q** 0.01 .. 1.0 V

This command sets an offset between the positive and the negative output.

The maximum overall voltage (IQ:OUTPut:LEV/2) + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:BIAS:I|Q + SOUR:IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I|Q is ≤ 3.7 volts. The command is only valid for output type Differential (IQ:OUTP:TYPE DIFF).

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce.

**Example:** "IQ:OUTP:TYPE DIFF"  
 'The I/Q-signal components are output differential.  
 "IQ:OUTP:OFFS:I 0.05 V"  
 'sets an offset of 50 mV for the I-signal.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
0 V	0.2 mV	Device-specific

**[SOURce:]IQ:OUTPut:TYPE** SINGLE | DIFFerential

This command selects the output type.

For two-path instruments, the outputs are assigned with command SOURce:BB:IQOut:SOURce.

**Parameter: DIFFerential**  
 The I/Q-signal components are output differential. A bias can be defined.

**Single Ended**  
 The I/Q-signal components are output single-ended.

**Example:** "IQ:OUTP:TYPE DIFF"  
 'the I/Q-signal components are output differential.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SINGLE		Device-specific

## STATus Subsystem

This system contains the commands for the status reporting system. \*RST has no effect on the status registers.

Queries return the current value of the respective register, which permits a check of the device status. A decimal value between 0 and 32767 ( $=2^{15}-1$ ) is returned.

The configuration commands set the respective register thus determining which status changes of the R&S Vector Signal Generator causes the status registers to be changed. A decimal value between 0 and 32767 ( $=2^{15}-1$ ) is set.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
STATus:OPERation:CONDition?			Query only
STATus:OPERation:ENABLE	0...32767		
STATus:OPERation[:EVENT]?			Query only
STATus:OPERation:NTRansition	0...32767		
STATus:OPERation:PTRansition	0...32767		
STATus:PRESet			No query
STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?			Query only
STATus:QUEStionable:ENABLE	0...32767		
STATus:QUEStionable[:EVENT]?			Query only
STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition	0...32767		
STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition	0...32767		
STATus:QUEue[:NEXT]?			Query only

### STATus:OPERation:CONDition?

The command queries the content of the CONDition part of the STATus:OPERation register. This part contains information on the action currently being performed in the instrument. The content is not deleted after being read out since it indicates the current hardware status.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:COND?"  
                          'queries the Status:Operation:Condition register.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

### STATus:OPERation:ENABLE

The command sets the bits of the ENABle part of the STATus:OPERation register. This setting determines which events of the Status-Event part are forwarded to the sum bit in the status byte. These events can be used for a service request.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:ENAB 32767"  
                          'all events are forwarded to the sum bit of the status byte.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:OPERation:EVENT?**

The command queries the content of the EVENT part of the STATus:OPERation register. This part contains information on the actions performed in the instrument since the last readout. The content of the EVENT part is deleted after being read out.

**Example:** "STAT:OPER:EVENT?"  
'queries the STATus:OPERation:EVENT register.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:OPERation:PTRansition**

The command sets the bits of the PTRansition part of the STATus:OPERation register. If a bit is set, a transition from 0 to 1 in the condition part causes an entry to be made in the EVENT part of the register. A new event in the hardware is thus registered, e.g. the start of an adjustment.

**Example:** "STAT:OPER:PTR 32767"  
'all transitions from 0 to 1 in the condition part of the Status:Operation register cause an entry to be made in the EVENT part.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:OPERation:NTRansition**

The command sets the bits of the NTRansition part of the STATus:OPERation register. If a bit is set, a transition from 1 to 0 in the condition part causes an entry to be made in the EVENT part of the register. The disappearance of an event in the hardware is thus registered, e.g. the end of an adjustment.

**Example:** "STAT:OPER:NTR 0"  
'a transition from 1 to 0 in the condition part of the Status:Operation register does not cause an entry to be made in the EVENT part.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:PRESet**

The command resets the status registers. All PTRansition parts are set to FFFFh (32767), i.e. all transitions from 0 to 1 are detected. All NTRansition parts are set to 0, i.e. a transition from 1 to 0 in a CONDition bit is not detected. The ENABLE parts of STATus:OPERation and STATus:QUESTionable are set to 0, i.e. all events in these registers are not passed on.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no query form and no \*RST value.

**Example:** "STAT:PRESet"  
'resets the status registers.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:QUEStionable:EVENt?**

The command queries the content of the EVENt part of the STATus:QUEStionable register. This part contains information on the actions performed in the instrument since the last readout. The content of the EVENt part is deleted after being read out.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:EVEN?"  
                          'queries the Status:Questionable:Event register.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:QUEStionable:CONDition?**

The command queries the content of the CONDition part of the STATus:QUEStionable register. This part contains information on the action currently being performed in the instrument. The content is not deleted after being read out since it indicates the current hardware status.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:COND?"  
                          'queries the Status:Questionable:Condition register.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:QUEStionable:PTRansition**

The command sets the bits of the PTRansition part of the STATus:QUEStionable register. If a bit is set, a transition from 0 to 1 in the condition part causes an entry to be made in the EVENt part of the register.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:PTR 32767"  
                          'all transitions from 0 to 1 in the condition part of the Status:Questionable register cause an entry to be made in the EVENt part.

*RST value	Resolution	Options	SCPI
-	-		Compliant

**STATus:QUEStionable:NTRansition**

The command sets the bits of the NTRansition part of the STATus:QUEStionable register. If a bit is set, a transition from 1 to 0 in the condition part causes an entry to be made in the EVENt part of the register.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:NTR 0"  
                          'a transition from 1 to 0 in the condition part of the Status:Questionable register does not cause an entry to be made in the EVENt part.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:QUEStionable:ENABle**

The command sets the bits of the ENABle part of the STATus:QUEStionable register. This setting determines which events of the Status-Event part are enabled for the sum bit in the status byte. These events can be used for a service request.

**Example:**           "STAT:OPER:ENAB 1"  
                           'problems when performing an adjustment cause an entry to be made in the sum bit.

RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**STATus:QUEue[:NEXT]?**

The command queries the oldest entry in the error queue and then deletes it. Positive error numbers denote device-specific errors, and negative error numbers denote error messages defined by SCPI(see Chapter 9). If the error queue is empty, 0 ("No error") is returned. The command is identical to SYSTem:ERRor?.

**Example:**           "STAT:QUE?"  
                           'queries the oldest entry in the error queue.  
                           Response: "0, 'no error'"  
                           'no errors have occurred since the error queue was last read out.

RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant



## SYSTEM Subsystem

The SYSTEM subsystem contains a series of commands for general functions which do not directly affect signal generation.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
SYSTEM:BEEPer:STATe	ON   OFF		
SYSTEM:COMMunicate:GPIB:LTERminator	EOI   STANdard		
SYSTEM:COMMunicate:GPIB[:SELF]:ADDReSS	0...30		
SYSTEM:COMMunicate:NET:RESource	'string'		
SYSTEM:DATE	<year>, <month>, <day>		
SYSTEM:DISPlay:UPDate	ON   OFF		
SYSTEM:ERRor:ALL			Query only
SYSTEM:ERRor:CODE:ALL			Query only
SYSTEM:ERRor:CODE[:NEXT]?			Query only
SYSTEM:ERRor:COUNT?			Query only
SYSTEM:ERRor[:NEXT]?			Query only
SYSTEM:KLOCK	ON   OFF		
SYSTEM:PRESet			No query
SYSTEM:PROTeCt<n>[:STATe]	ON   OFF , password		
SYSTEM:SECurity[:STATe]	ON   OFF		
SYSTEM:SERror?			Query only
SYSTEM:TIME	<hour>, <minute>, <second>		
SYSTEM:VERSiOn?			Query only

### SYSTEM:BEEPer:STATe ON | OFF

The command switches the key beep on or off.

**Example:** "SYST:BEEP:STAT OFF"  
'no acoustic signal is output when a key on the front panel is pressed.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Compliant

### SYSTEM:COMMunicate:GPIB:LTERminator EOI | STANdard

The command sets the terminator recognition for remote control via the IEC/IEEE bus.

**Parameters:** EOI

The terminator must be sent together with the line message EOI (End of Line). This setting is recommended for binary block transmissions where a character could coincidentally have the value LF (Line Feed) but is not intended as the terminator. This setting must be selected for block data with undefined length.

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An LF (Line Feed) is recognized as the terminator regardless of whether it is sent with or without EOI.

**Example:** "SYST:COMM:GPIB:LTER EOI"  
'only a character which is sent simultaneously with the line message EOI is accepted as the terminator.'

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
STANdard	-	Compliant

**SYSTem:COMMunicate:GPIB[:SELF]:ADDRess 1 ... 30**

The command sets the IEC/IEEE-bus address.

**Example:** "SYST:COMM:GPIB:ADDR 14"  
'sets IEC/IEEE-bus address 14.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
28	-	Compliant

**SYSTem:COMMunicate:NET:RESource?**

The command queries the visa resource string. This string is used for remote control of the instrument.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** SYST:COMM:NET:RES?  
'queries the VISA resource string.

Response:  
TCPIP::192.1.2.3::INSTR

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
	-	Device-specific

**SYSTem:DATE <year>,<month>,<day>**

The command sets the date for the instrument-internal calendar.

**Example:** "SYST:DATE 2003,05,01"  
'sets May 1, 2003.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTem:DISPlay:UPDate ON | OFF**

The command switches the update of the display on/off. A switchover from remote control to manual control always sets the status of the update of the display to ON.

**Example:** "SYST:DISP:UPD OFF"  
'switches update of displayed parameter values off.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**SYSTem:ERRor:ALL?**

The command queries all entries in the error queue and then deletes them. Positive error numbers denote device-specific errors, and negative error numbers denote error messages defined by SCPI. If the error queue is empty, 0 ("No error") is returned.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SYST:ERR:ALL?"  
'queries all entries in the error queue.

Response: "0, 'no error"  
'no errors have occurred since the error queue was last read out.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTEM:ERRor:CODE:ALL?**

The command queries all entries in the error queue and then deletes them. Only the error numbers are returned and not the entire error text. Positive error numbers denote device-specific errors, and negative error numbers denote error messages defined by SCPI (see chapter 9, section "[Error Messages](#)"). If the error queue is empty, 0 ("No error") is returned.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SYST:ERR:CODE:ALL?"  
                      'queries all entries in the error queue.

Response: "0"  
           'no errors have occurred since the error queue was last read out.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTEM:ERRor:CODE[:NEXT]?**

The command queries the oldest entry in the error queue and then deletes it. Only the error number is returned and not the entire error text. Positive error numbers denote device-specific errors, and negative error numbers denote error messages defined by SCPI (see chapter 9, section "[Error Messages](#)"). If the error queue is empty, 0 is returned.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SYST:ERR:CODE?"  
                      'queries the oldest entry in the error queue.

Response: "0"  
           'no errors have occurred since the error queue was last read out.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTEM:ERRor:COUNT?**

The command queries the number of entries in the error queue. If the error queue is empty, '0' is returned.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SYST:ERR:CODE?"  
                      'queries the oldest entry in the error queue.

Response: "1"  
           'one error has occurred since the error queue was last read out.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTEM:ERRor[:NEXT]?**

The command queries the oldest entry in the error queue and then deletes it. Positive error numbers denote device-specific errors, and negative error numbers denote error messages defined by SCPI (see Chapter 9). If the error queue is empty, 0 ("No error") is returned. The command is identical to the command `STATUS:QUEUE:NEXT?`.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:**           "SYST:ERR?"  
                           'queries the oldest entry in the error queue.  
                           Response: "0, 'no error'"  
                           'no errors have occurred since the error queue was last read out.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTem:KLOCK ON | OFF**

The command (Keyboard LOCK) disables the front panel keyboard of the R&S Vector Signal Generator including the LOCAL key, or enables it again (OFF).

**Example:**           "SYST:KLOC ON"  
                           'activates the keyboard lock. The keyboard cannot be operated again until it has been enabled with SYST:KLOC OFF.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
OFF	-	Compliant

**SYSTem:PRESet**

The command triggers an instrument reset. It has the same effect as the PRESET key on the front panel and the \*RST command.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:**           "SYST:PRES"  
                           'all instrument settings (also those that are not currently active) are reset to their default values.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTem:PROTect<n>[:STATe] ON | OFF, password**

The command activates and deactivates the specified protection level. There are several protection levels which disable specific service functions (authorized personnel of R&S Service Departments only). These levels are identified by the suffix under PROTect.

The respective functions are disabled when the protection level is activated. No password is required for activation. A password must be entered to deactivate the protection level. The password for the first level is 123456. This protection level can be used to lock-out internal adjustments.

The command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value and no query form.

**Example:**           "SYST:PROT1 ON"  
                           'activates protection level 1. Internal adjustments are only possible after deactivating the lock-out.  
                           "SYST:PROT1 OFF, 123456"  
                           'deactivates protection level 1. Internal adjustments are enabled again.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTEM:SERRor?**

This command returns a list of all errors existing at the time when the query is started. This list corresponds to the display on the info page under manual control.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SYST:SERR?"  
'queries all errors existing in the error queue.

Response: "-221, 'Settings conflict', 153, 'Input voltage out of range'"

'the two returned errors have occurred since the error queue was last queried.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**SYSTEM:TIME 0...23,0...59,0...59**

The command sets the time for the instrument-internal clock.

**Example:** "SYST:TIME 12,0,0"  
'sets the time to precisely 12 pm.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

**SYSTEM:VERSion?**

The command queries the SCPI version with which the instrument complies.

The command is a query command and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SYST:VERS?"  
'queries the SCPI version.

Response: 1996  
'the instrument complies with the version from 1996.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Compliant

## TEST Subsystem

The TEST system contains the commands for performing the routines as well as for direct manipulation of the hardware assemblies (:TEST:DIRect). The self tests return a "0" if the test is performed successfully, otherwise a value other than "0" is returned. None of the commands of this system have an \*RST value.

In the case of two-path instruments, the numerical suffix under TEST distinguishes between RF Path A and RF Path B:

TEST[1] = RF Path A

TEST2 = RF Path B

### CAUTION



### Improper use could destroy the assembly!

The respective hardware assembly responds directly to the :TEST:DIRect command; any safety mechanisms are bypassed. The command is used for servicing purposes and should not be applied by the user.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
TEST:BB:CONNECTION	0 if succeeded, 1 if failed		Query only
TEST:CONNECTor:AUXio	-		Query only
TEST:CONNECTor:BNC	-		Query only
TEST<1 2>:DIRect	'SSYN'   'IQOP3'   'IQOP6'   'SATT3'   'SATT6'   'DIRECTLAST', subaddress, hex data string		

### TEST:BB:CONNECTION?

The command performs a connection test on each of the internal digital baseband links. This implies all installed options as baseband inputs, motherboard, universal coding generators, fading simulators, and baseband outputs.

**Example:** "TEST:BB:CONNECTION?"

Response: "0" on success, "1" on fail

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

### TEST:CONNECTor:AUXio?

The command triggers a test of the AUX IQ interface (see Service Manual Instrument, chapter 1, "Performance Test"). This function is only available via remote control.

**Example:** "TEST:CONN:AUX?"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**TEST:CONNector:BNC?**

The command triggers a test of the BNC connectors of the instrument (see Service Manual Instrument, chapter 1, "Performance Test"). This function is only available via remote control.

**Example:** "TEST:CONN:BNC?"

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**TEST<1|2>:DIRect** "SSYN" | 'IQOP3' | 'IQOP6' | 'SATT3' | 'SATT6' | 'DIRECTLAST', subaddress, hex data string

The respective hardware assembly responds directly to the command; any safety mechanisms are bypassed. This function is only available via remote control.

**Example:** "TEST:DIR 'SSYN',0,#H12345678"

"TEST:DIR? 'SSYN',0"

Response:

'#H12345678

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

## TRIGger Subsystem

The TRIGger system contains the commands for selecting the trigger source for the RF and LF sweep.

The trigger input connectors are configured in the SOURce:INPut subsystem.

In the case of two-path instruments, the suffix determines the path for which the trigger setting is effective:

Path A = TRIGger[1]

Path B = TRIGger2

In addition, the LF output is activated with TRIGger0.

The trigger system of the R&S Vector Signal Generator is a simplified implementation of the SCPI trigger system. The TRIGger system differs from the SCPI system as follows:

- No INITiate command; the instrument behaves as if INITiate:CONTinuous ON were set.
- Under TRIGger several sweep subsystems exist.

Other commands associated with the trigger system of the R&S Vector Signal Generator can be found in the modulation and RF signal subsystems.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
TRIGger0[:SWEep]:SOURce	AUTO   IMMEDIATE   SINGLE   BUS   EXTERNAL		
TRIGger<[1]]2>:FSWEEP[:IMMEDIATE]			No query
TRIGger<[1]]2>:FSWEEP:SOURce	AUTO   IMMEDIATE   SINGLE   BUS   EXTERNAL		
TRIGger<[1]]2>:LIST[:IMMEDIATE]			No query
TRIGger<[1]]2>:PSWEEP[:IMMEDIATE]			No query
TRIGger<[1]]2>:PSWEEP:SOURce	AUTO   IMMEDIATE   SINGLE   BUS   EXTERNAL		
TRIGger<[1]]2>[:SWEep][:IMMEDIATE]			No query
TRIGger<[1]]2>[:SWEep]:SOURce	AUTO   IMMEDIATE   SINGLE   BUS   EXTERNAL		

### TRIGger0[:SWEep]:SOURce AUTO | IMMEDIATE | SINGLE | EXTERNAL|BUS

The command sets the trigger source for the LF sweep. The trigger is triggered by the command :SOURce:LFOutput:SWEep[:FREQuency]EXECute.

The names of the parameters correspond directly to the various settings under manual control. SCPI uses other names for the parameters; these names are also accepted by the instrument. The SCPI names should be used if compatibility is an important consideration. An overview of the various names is given in the following table:

R&S name	SCPI name	Command under manual control
AUTO	IMMEDIATE	<b>Auto</b> mode
SINGLE	BUS	<b>Single</b> and <b>Step</b> mode. The command LFO:SWEep:MODE is used to select between the two sweep modes.
EXTERNAL	EXTERNAL	<b>Ext Single</b> and <b>Ext Step</b> mode. The command LFO:SWEep:MODE is used to select between the two sweep modes.

#### Parameters: AUTO | IMMEDIATE

The trigger is free-running, i.e. the trigger condition is fulfilled continuously. As soon as one sweep is finished, the next sweep is started.



**SINGle**

The sweep is triggered by the IEC/IEEE-bus commands  
 ::LFOutput:SWEep:EXEC or \*TRG. If :SOURce:SWEep:MODE is set to  
 STEP, one step is executed. If :SOURce:SWEep:MODE is set to AUTO, one  
 complete sweep is executed.

**EXTernal**

The sweep is triggered externally via the INST TRIG connector (Path A = BNC  
 connector; Path B = Pin at AUX I/O interface).

**Example:** "TRIG0:SOUR EXT"  
 'selects triggering with an external trigger. The trigger is input via the INST  
 TRIG connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SINGle	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>:FSWep[:IMMediate]**

The command immediately starts an RF frequency sweep. The sweep to be executed depends on  
 the respective MODE setting (SOURce:SWEep:FREQuency:MODE SING). The command  
 corresponds to the manual-control command **Execute Trigger**.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SWE:FREQ:MODE SING"  
 'sets the Single trigger mode, i.e. a trigger starts a single sweep.  
 "TRIG:FSW"  
 'starts a single RF frequency sweep.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>:FSWep:SOURce AUTO|IMMediate | SINGle | EXTernal|BUS**

The command sets the trigger source for the RF frequency sweep.

The names of the parameters correspond directly to the various settings under manual control. SCPI  
 uses other names for the parameters; these names are also accepted by the instrument. The SCPI  
 names should be used if compatibility is an important consideration. An overview of the various  
 names is given in the following table:

R&S name	SCPI name	Command under manual control
AUTO	IMMediate	<b>Auto</b> mode
SINGle	BUS	<b>Single</b> and <b>Step</b> mode. The command :SWEep:FREQ:MODE is used to select between the two sweep modes.
EXTernal	EXTernal	<b>Ext Single</b> and <b>Ext Step</b> mode. The command :SWEep:FREQ:MODE is used to select between the two sweep modes.

**Parameters:** AUTO | IMMediate

The trigger is free-running, i.e. the trigger condition is fulfilled continuously. As  
 soon as one sweep is finished, the next sweep is started.

**SINGle**

The sweep is triggered by the IEC/IEEE-bus commands ... :SWEep:EXEC or \*TRG or TRIG:FSW:IMM. If :SOURce:SWEep:MODE is set to STEP, one step is executed. If :SOURce:SWEep:MODE is set to AUTO, one complete sweep is executed.

**EXTernal**

The sweep is triggered externally via the INST TRIG connector (Path A = BNC connector; Path B = Pin at AUX I/O interface).

**Example:** "TRIG:FSW:SOUR EXT"  
'selects triggering with an external trigger. The trigger is input via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SINGle	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>:LIST[:IMMEDIATE]**

The command immediately starts the processing of a list in LIST mode. It corresponds to the manual-control command **Execute Trigger**.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SOUR:LIST "LIST1"  
'selects the list.  
"SOUR:LIST:DWEL 5 ms"  
'sets the dwell time to 5 ms.  
"TRIG:LIST"  
'starts processing of the selected list.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>[:PSWEEP][:IMMEDIATE]**

The command immediately starts an RF level sweep. The sweep to be executed depends on the set sweep mode (:SOURce:SWEep:POWer:MODE). The command corresponds to the manual-control command **Execute Trigger**.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "SWE:POW:MODE STEP"  
'sets the STEP trigger mode, i.e. a trigger starts the sweep initially, and then the sweep is generated continuously.  
"TRIG:PSW"  
'starts the continuous generation of the RF level sweep at output A.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>:PSWep:SOURce** AUTO|IMMediate | SINGle | EXTernal|BUS

The command sets the trigger source for the RF level sweep.

The names of the parameters correspond directly to the various settings under manual control. SCPI uses other names for the parameters; these names are also accepted by the instrument. The SCPI names should be used if compatibility is an important consideration. An overview of the various names is given in the following table:

R&S name	SCPI name	Command under manual control
AUTO	IMMediate	<b>Auto</b> mode
SINGle	BUS	<b>Single</b> and <b>Step</b> mode. The command :SWEep:POW:MODE is used to select between the two sweep modes.
EXTernal	EXTernal	<b>Ext Single</b> and <b>Ext Step</b> mode. The command :SWEep:POW:MODE is used to select between the two sweep modes.

**Parameters: AUTO | IMMediate**

The trigger is free-running, i.e. the trigger condition is fulfilled continuously. As soon as one sweep is finished, the next sweep is started.

**SINGle**

The sweep is triggered by the IEC/IEEE-bus commands

:SOURce:SWEep:POWer:EXEC or \*TRG or TRIGger:PSWep:IMMediate.

If :SOURce:SWEep:POWer:MODE is set to STEP, one step is executed. If

:SOURce:SWEep:POWer:MODE is set to AUTO, one complete sweep is executed.

**EXTernal**

The sweep is triggered externally via the INST TRIG connector (Path A = BNC connector; Path B = Pin at AUX I/O interface).

**Example:** "TRIG:PSW:SOUR EXT"

'selects triggering with an external trigger. The trigger is input via the INST TRIG connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SINGle	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>[:SWEep][:IMMediate]**

The command starts all sweeps which are activated for the respective path. The command starts all sweeps which are activated.

The sweep to be executed depends on the respective MODE setting

(:SOUR:SWEep:POW|FREQ:MODE and :SOUR:LFO:SWEep[:FREQ]:MODE).

The command corresponds to the manual-control command **Execute Trigger**.

This command triggers an event and therefore has no \*RST value.

**Example:** "TRIG"

'starts all active sweeps.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
-	-	Device-specific

**TRIGger<[1]|2>:SWEep:SOURce** AUTO|IMMediate | SINGle | EXTernal|BUS

The command sets the trigger source for all sweeps.

The names of the parameters correspond directly to the various settings under manual control. SCPI uses other names for the parameters; these names are also accepted by the instrument. The SCPI names should be used if compatibility is an important consideration.

An overview of the various names is given in the following table:

R&S name	SCPI name	Command under manual control
AUTO	IMMediate	MODE AUTO
SINGle	BUS	MODE SINGLE or STEP
EXTernal	EXTernal	MODE EXT TRIG SINGLE or EXT TRIG STEP

**Parameters: AUTO | IMMediate**

The trigger is free-running, i.e. the trigger condition is fulfilled continuously. As soon as one sweep is finished, the next sweep is started.

**SINGle**

The sweep is triggered by the IEC/IEEE-bus commands

:SOURce:SWEep:POWer | FREQuency:EXEC or \*TRG or

TRIGger:PSWep | FSweep:IMMediate. If :SOURce:SWEep:POWer:MODE is set to STEP, one step is executed. If :SOURce:SWEep:POWer:MODE is set to AUTO, one complete sweep is executed.

**EXTernal**

The sweep is triggered externally via the TRIGGER connectors.

**Example:** "TRIG:SWE:SOUR EXT"

'selects triggering with an external trigger. The trigger is input via the TRIGGER 1 connector.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
SINGle	-	Device-specific

## UNIT Subsystem

The UNIT subsystem contains the commands specifying which units are valid if no unit is indicated in a command. These settings are valid for the entire instrument.

Command	Parameters	Default unit	Remark
UNIT:ANGLE	DEG   RAD		
UNIT:POWer	V   DBM		

### UNIT:ANGLE DEG | RAD

The command defines the default unit for angles. It is valid for all commands which determine angle values. It does not influence the manual control parameter unit and the display.

**Example:**           "UNIT:ANGL DEG"  
                          'sets default unit DEG for all commands which determine angle values.

*RST value	Resolution	SCPI
RAD	-	Compliant

### UNIT:POWer V | DBM

The command defines the default unit for power. It is valid for all commands which determine power values. It does not influence the manual control parameter unit and the display.

**Example:**           "UNIT:POW V"  
                          'sets default unit V for all commands which determine power values.

*RST value	Resolution	Options	SCPI
DBM	-		Compliant



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# 8 Maintenance and Remote Control Interfaces

## Introduction - Maintenance and Interfaces

The following chapter contains information on the maintenance of the signal generator and a description of the remote control interfaces.

Please follow the instructions in the service manual when exchanging modules or ordering spares. The order no. for spare parts can be found in the service manual.

The address of our support center and a list of all Rohde & Schwarz service centers can be found at the beginning of the printed manual.

The service manual includes further information particularly on troubleshooting, repair and exchange of modules.

## Maintenance

The instrument does not need a periodic maintenance. What is necessary is essentially the cleaning of the instrument. However, it is recommended to check the rated data from time to time.

### Cleaning the Outside and Storing

The outside of the instrument is suitably cleaned using a soft, line-free dust cloth. Make sure that vents are not obstructed.

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**ATTENTION****Instrument damage caused by cleaning agents!**

Cleaning agents contain substances that may damage the instrument, e.g. solvent-containing cleaning agents may damage the front panel labeling or plastic parts.

Never use cleaning agents such as solvents (thinners, acetone, etc), acids, bases, or other substances.

The outside of the instrument is suitably cleaned using a soft, line-free dust cloth.

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The storage temperature range of the instrument is given in the data sheet. If the instrument is to be stored for a longer period of time, it must be protected against dust.

The original packing should be used, particularly the protective covers at the front and rear, when the instrument is to be transported or dispatched. If the original packing is no longer available, use a sturdy cardboard box of suitable size and carefully wrap the instrument to protect it against mechanical damage.

## Hardware Interfaces

The following section describes the remote control interfaces of the signal generator and the pin assignment of the monitor connector. The AUX IO interface is described with the associated configuration menu in chapter 4, section "[User Marker - AUX-IO - Setup-Environment-Global...Settings](#)". All other interfaces are described in chapter 1, sections "[Legend for Front Panel View](#)" and "[Legend for Rear Panel View](#)". For specifications refer to the data sheet.

### IEC/IEEE Bus Interface

The standard instrument is equipped with an IEC/IEEE bus connector. An IEEE 488 interface connector is located on the rear panel. An external controller for remote control of the instrument can be connected via the IEEE 488 interface connector using a shielded cable.

#### Interface Characteristics

- 8-bit parallel data transfer
- bi-directional data transfer
- three-line handshake
- high data transfer rate
- up to 15 instruments can be connected
- maximal length of the interconnecting cables 15 m (single connection, 2 m)
- wired-OR connection if several instruments are connected in parallel.

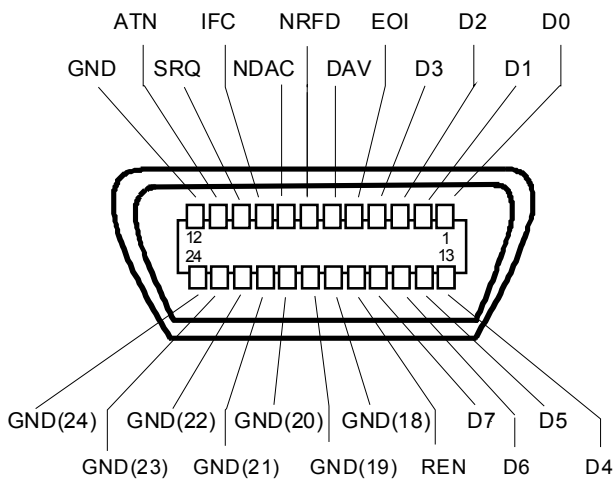


Figure 8-1 Pin assignment of IEC/IEEE-Bus interface

## Bus Lines

### 1. Data bus with 8 lines D0 to D7.

The transmission is bit-parallel and byte-serial in the ASCII/ISO code. D0 is the least significant bit, D7 the most significant bit.

### 2. Control bus with 5 lines

<b>IFC</b> (Interface Clear)	active LOW resets the interfaces of the instruments connected to the default setting.
<b>ATN</b> (Attention)	active LOW signals the transmission of interface messages. inactive HIGH signals the transmission of device messages.
<b>SRQ</b> (Service Request)	active LOW enables the connected device to send a service request to the controller.
<b>REN</b> (Remote Enable)	active LOW permits switchover to remote control.
<b>EOI</b> (End or Identify)	has two functions in connection with ATN: ATN = HIGH active LOW marks the end of data transmission. ATN = LOW active LOW triggers a parallel poll.

### 3. Handshake bus with three lines

<b>DAV</b> (Data Valid)	active LOW signals a valid data byte on the data bus.
<b>NRFD</b> (Not Ready For Data)	active LOW signals that one of the connected devices is not ready for data transfer.
<b>NDAC</b> (Not Data Accepted)	active LOW signals that the instrument connected is accepting the data on the data bus.

## IEC/IEEE-Bus Interface Functions

Instruments which can be remote controlled via the IEC/IEEE bus can be equipped with different interface functions. The following table lists the interface functions appropriate for the instrument.

Table 8-1 IEC/IEEE Bus Interface functions

Control character	Interface function
SH1	Handshake source function (source handshake), full capability
AH1	Handshake sink function (acceptor handshake), full capability
L4	Listener function, full capability, unaddress if MTA.
T6	Talker function, full capability, ability to respond to serial poll, unaddress if MLA
SR1	Service request function (Service Request), full capability
PP1	Parallel poll function, full capability
RL1	Remote/Local switch over function, full capability
DC1	Reset function (Device Clear), full capability
DT1	Trigger function (Device Trigger), full capability
C0	No controller function

## IEC/IEEE Bus Messages

Interface messages are transferred on the data lines of the IEC/IEEE bus when the "ATN" control line is active (LOW). They are used for communication between controller and instruments and can only be sent by the controller which currently has control of the IEC/IEEE bus.

### Universal Commands

The universal commands are encoded 10 - 1F hex. They affect all instruments connected to the bus without addressing.

Table 8-2 Universal Commands

Command	VISUAL BASIC command	Effect on the instrument
DCL (Device Clear)	IBCMD (controller%, CHR\$(20))	Aborts the processing of the commands just received and sets the command processing software to a defined initial state. Does not change the instrument settings..
IFC (Interface Clear)	IBSIC (controller%)	Resets the interfaces to the default setting.
LLO (Local Lockout)	IBCMD (controller%, CHR\$(17))	Locks switchover from remote control to manual operation by means of the front panel keys
SPE (Serial Poll Enable)	IBCMD (controller%, CHR\$(24))	Ready for serial poll.
SPD (Serial Poll Disable)	IBCMD (controller%, CHR\$(25))	End of serial poll.
PPU (Parallel Poll Unconfigure)	IBCMD (controller%, CHR\$(21))	End of the parallel-poll state.

### Addressed Commands

The addressed commands are encoded 00 - 0F hex. They are only effective for instruments addressed as listeners.

Table 8-3 Addressed Commands

Command	VISUAL BASIC Command	Effect on the instrument
SDC (Selected Device Clear)	IBCLR (device%)	Aborts the processing of the commands just received and sets the command processing software to a defined initial state. Does not change the instrument setting.
GET (Group Execute Trigger)	IBTRG (device%)	Triggers a previously active device function (e.g. a sweep). The effect of the command is the same as with that of a pulse at the external trigger signal input.
GTL (Go to Local)	IBLOC (device%)	Transition to the "Local" state (manual operation).
PPC (Parallel Poll Configure)	IBPPC (device%, data%)	Configures instrument for parallel poll. Additionally, the VISUAL BASIC command executes PPE/PPD.

## LAN Connector

The unit is equipped with an LAN interface as standard. The LAN connector is at the rear of the instrument. Provided the appropriate rights have been assigned by the network administrator, files can be transmitted via the network, and network resources, e.g. a network folders, can be used. The instrument can also be remote controlled and manually operated in the network. It is connected by means of a commercial RJ45 cable.

The TCP/IP network protocol and the associated network services are preconfigured. TCP/IP ensures connection-oriented communication, where the order of the exchanged messages is adhered to and interrupted links are identified. With this protocol, messages cannot be lost.

Connection of the R&S Signal Generator is described in Chapter 1, section "[Connection to the Network](#)", remote control via Ethernet in chapter 5, section "[Remote Control via LAN Interface](#)", page 5.4. The architecture of a LAN remote-control connection is described in detail in the following.

Remote control of an instrument via a network is based on standardized protocols which follow the OSI reference model (see Fig. below).

Application	SCPI	SCPI [3]
Presentation	XDR (VXI-11)	RFC 1014 [1,2]
Session	ONC-RPC	RFC 1057
Transport	TCP / UDP	RFC 793
Network	IP	RFC 791
Data Link	Ethernet/802.3	8802-3
Physical	802.3/10BASE-T	8802-3

Fig. 8-2 Example for LAN remote control based on the OSI reference model

Based on TCP/UDP, messages between the controller and the instrument are exchanged via open network computing (ONC) - remote procedure calls (RPC). With XDR, legal RPC messages are known as VXI-11 standard. Based on this standard, messages are exchanged between the controller and the instrument. The messages are identical with SCPI commands. They can be organized in four groups: program messages (control command to the instrument), response messages (values returned by the instrument), service request (spontaneous queries of the instrument) and low-level control messages (interface messages).

A VXI-11 link between a controller and an instrument uses three channels: a core, abort and interrupt channel. Instrument control is mainly performed on the core channel (program, response and low-level control messages). The abort channel is used for immediate abort of the core channel; the interrupt channel transmits spontaneous service requests of the instrument. Link setup itself is very complex. For more details refer to the VXI-11 specification ("TCP/IP Instrument Protocol Specification VXI-11, Revision 1.0 VMEbus Extensions for Instrumentation, VXIbus", and "TCP/IP-IEEE 488.2 Instrument Interface Specification VXI-11.3, Draft 0.3 VMEbus Extensions for Instrumentation, VXIbus").

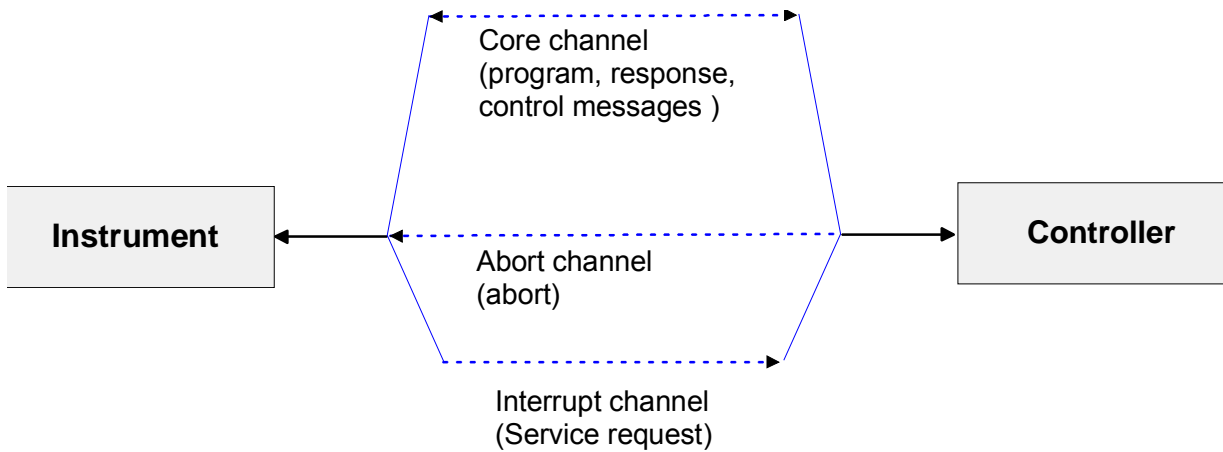


Fig. 8-3 VXI-11 channels between instrument and controller

The number of controllers that can address an instrument is practically unlimited in the network. In the instrument, the individual controllers are clearly distinguished. This distinction continues up to the application level in the controller, i.e. two applications on a PC are identified by the instrument as two different controllers.

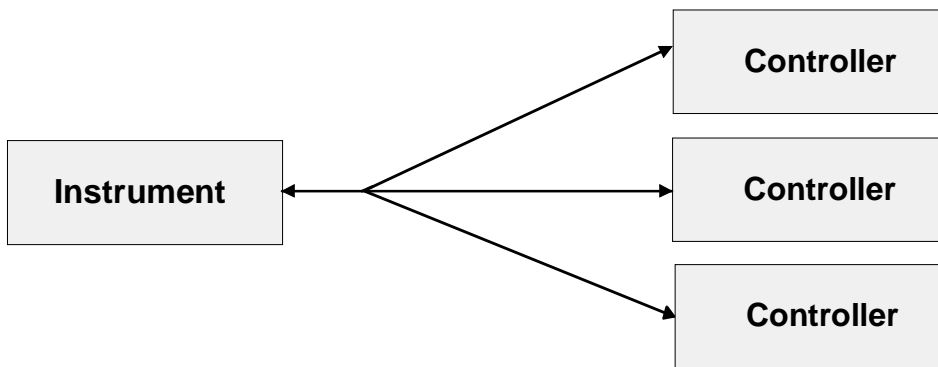
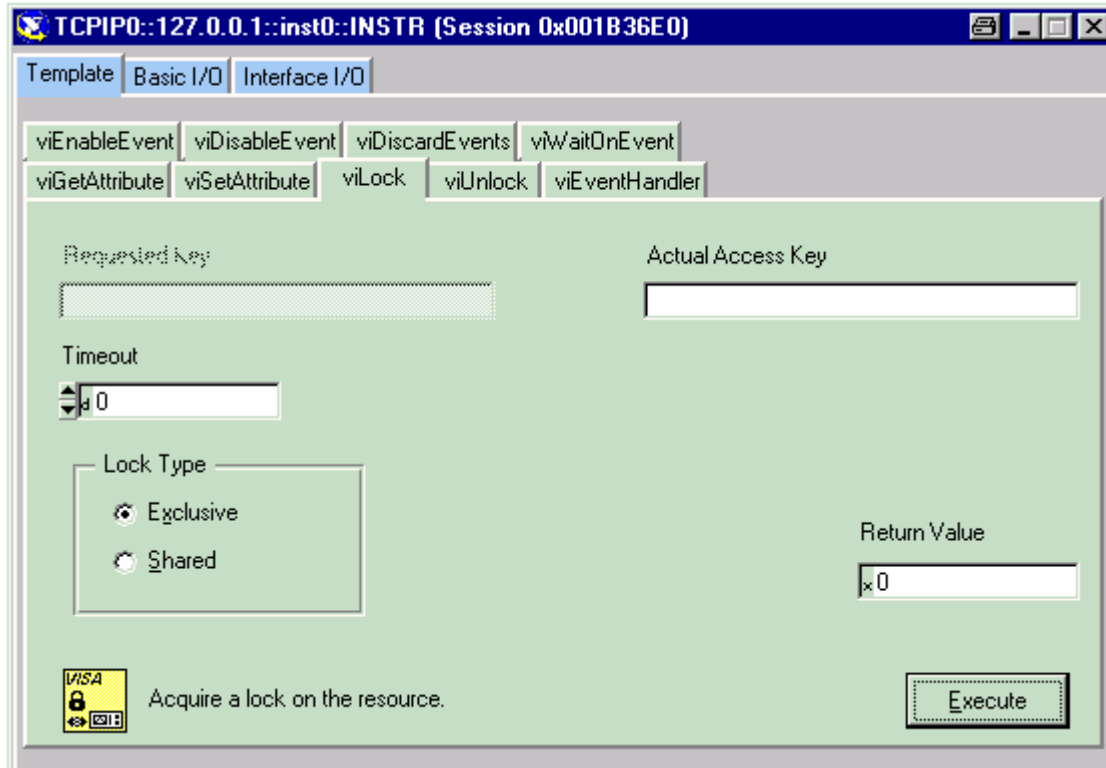


Fig. 8-4 Remote control via LAN from several controllers

The controllers can lock and unlock the instrument for exclusive access. This regulates access to the instrument of several controllers.

In the 'Measurement & Automation Control' program, this setting is made on the **Template** tab.



## VXI-11 Interface Messages

On the Ethernet link, the interface messages are called low-level control messages. These messages can be used to emulate interface messages of the IEC/IEEE bus.

Table 8-4 VXI-11 Interface Messages#

Command	Effect on the instrument
&ABO (Abort)	Aborts the processing of the commands just received.
&DCL (Device Clear)	Aborts the processing of the commands just received and sets the command processing software to a defined initial state. Does not change the instrument setting.
&GTL (Go to Local)	Transition to the "Local" state (manual operation)
&GTR (Go to Remote)	Transition to the "Remote" state (remote control)
&GET (Group Execute Trigger)	Triggers a previously active device function (e.g. a sweep). The effect of the command is the same as with that of a pulse at the external trigger signal input.
&LLO (Local Lockout)	Disables switchover from remote control to manual operation by means of the front panel keys
&POL (Serial Poll)	Starts a serial poll
&NREN (Not Remote Enable)	Enables switchover from remote control to manual operation by means of the front panel keys

## USB Connection (USB and USB IN)

The instrument is equipped as standard with several USB (universal serial bus) interfaces.

### USB

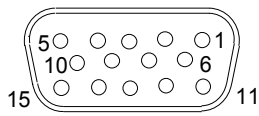
Most of them are type A interfaces (host USB) which establish a connection to the controller. They can be used for connecting peripherals such as mouse and keyboard or a memory stick for data transmission. Two of the master USBs are at the instrument front, the others are at the rear.

### USB IN

One USB interface is a type B interface (device USB) and located at the rear of the instrument. It establishes a connection to the DACIF module and can be used remote control (see chapter "[Remote Control - Basics](#)"). The instrument is assigned as device, not as host.

## Monitor Connector (MONITOR)

The 15-pin Sub-D female connector MONITOR at the rear panel is intended for connecting an external VGA monitor.



Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	Red (output)	6	GND	11	(NC)
2	Green (output)	7	GND	12	(NC)
3	Blue (output)	8	GND	13	HSYNC (output)
4	(NC)	9	GND	14	VSYNC (output)
5	GND	10	GND	15	(NC)

Figure 8-5 Pin assignment of the MONITOR connector



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## 9 Error Messages

### Introduction - Status Information and Messages

This chapter describes the error messages of the R&S Signal Generator. The error messages are output in the **Info** line on the screen and entered in the error/event queue of the status reporting system.

A great variety of different messages such as status messages, error messages, warnings or information are displayed in the header field of the screen. Some error messages require that the error must be eliminated before correct instrument operation can be ensured. The info window with a list of current messages and a detailed description of each message can be opened with the **INFO** key

In the remote control mode, error messages are entered in the error/event queue of the status reporting system and can be queried with the command `SYSTEM:ERRor?`. If the error queue is empty, 0 ("No error") is returned.

### Status Information

The status messages are displayed in the header section of the screen. The status information gives the user an overview of the main operating states and settings of the instrument. The states are indicated for information only and do not necessitate any action by the user. Status information is displayed between the frequency and level fields, at the left of the info line or in the info line itself. On two-path instruments, all states that can occur independently in the two paths are displayed separately for each path. The associated path is indicated in the info line.

#### Status information displayed between the frequency and level fields:

**RF OFF**                    The RF output is switched off

**MOD OFF**                All modulations are switched off.

**FREQ OFFSET**          A frequency offset is set.

The frequency entered and displayed in the frequency field takes any set frequency offset into consideration, e.g. an offset set for a downstream instrument. This means that with a frequency offset the frequency displayed in the header does not correspond to the frequency at the RF output, but rather to the frequency at the output of the downstream instrument.

This allows the desired frequency at the output of a downstream instrument to be entered in the frequency field. The signal generator changes the RF output frequency according to the entered offset.

However, the frequency entered and displayed in the Frequency/Phase menu of the RF/Ana Mod function block always corresponds to the RF output frequency. Any frequency offset is not taken into consideration.

The correlation is as follows:

$$\text{Freq in header} = \text{RF output frequency} (= \text{Freq in menu}) + \text{Freq offset} (= \text{Offset in menu})$$

**OVERLOAD** The power of the external signal applied to the RF output is too high. The overload protection is tripped and the connection between the RF output and attenuator is interrupted. The overload protection is reset by pressing the **RF ON/OFF** key. The RF input is activated when the overload protection is reset.

This messages is only indicated when the instrument is equipped with option R&S B3x, Overvoltage Protection (available for instruments with frequency options R&S B102/103/202/203). Two-path instruments require a separate option for each RF output (R&S B30/B32 (Path A) and R&S B35/B37 (Path B)).

**LEVEL OFFSET** A level offset is set.

The level entered and displayed in the Level field takes the offset of any downstream attenuators/amplifiers into consideration by way of calculation. This means that with a level offset the level displayed in the header does not correspond to the level at the RF output, but rather to the level at the output of the downstream instrument.

This allows the desired level at the output of downstream instruments to be entered. The signal generator changes the RF output level according to the set offset.

However, the level entered and displayed in the **Level** menu of the **RF/Ana Mod** function block always corresponds to the RF output level. Any level offset is not taken into consideration.

The correlation is as follows:

**Level in header = RF output level (= Level in menu) + Level offset**

**EXT REF** An external reference is used.

The external signal with selectable frequency and defined level must be input at the REF IN connector. It is output at the REF OUT connector.

The reference frequency setting is effective for both paths.

**I/Q Out OFF** R&S AMU only:  
The I/Q output is switched off.

**BUSY** A setting or calculation is executed.

**Status information displayed to the left of the Info line:**

**REMOTE** The instrument is remote controlled. The keys on the front panel are usable, but all parameters are in **read only** mode.

The **LOCAL** key switches the instrument from remote control to manual operation. The current command must be fully processed before the mode is switched, otherwise the instrument switches immediately back to remote control.

**REM-LLO** The instrument is remote (REMOte) controlled. The **LOCAL** key is disabled by remote control with the command LLO (LocalLockOut). The keys on the front panel are usable, but all parameters are in read only mode.

The instrument can be switched from remote control to manual operation by means of remote control only (e.g. with the Visual Basic command CALL IBLOC (generator%)).

**LOC-LLO** For operating directly the instrument is placed from remote control to manual operation (Local State). The **LOCAL** key was disabled by remote control with the command LocalLockOut).

With the next activating of the remote control mode, the instrument cannot be switched to manual operation by the operator. The status information changes to REM LLO.

The instrument can be switched to manual operation by means of remote control only (e.g. with the Visual Basic command `CALL IBLOC (generator%)`).

**SYS CTRL** **SYS CTRL** indicates that the instrument is controlling another instrument.

**Status information displayed in the Info line:**

<b>RFSweep LevelSweep LFSweep</b>	The indicated sweep is enabled.
<b>ALC On/Auto/S&amp;H</b>	The status of the automatic level control is indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ON = automatic level control permanently on</li> <li>- Auto = automatic level control is automatically adapted to the operating states</li> <li>- S&amp;H = automatic level control off, recalibration of the level whenever the level or frequency is set (sample and hold mode).</li> </ul>
<b>ListMode</b>	List mode is active.  The values of the frequency/level pairs in the selected list are set for the chosen dwell time.
<b>AttFixed</b>	Attenuator fixed mode is active.  The uninterrupted level settings are made in a fixed range without attenuator switching. The variation range is set automatically when this mode is activated. The range is displayed under <b>Attenuator Fixed Range</b> in the <b>Level</b> menu.
<b>UCorr</b>	User Correction is active.  The level is corrected by the given values in the selected user correction list. Correction is performed by the user-defined list values being added to the output level for the respective RF frequency. With frequencies which are not contained in the list, the level correction is determined by interpolation of the closest correction values.
<b>OvenCold</b>	The reference oscillator has not yet reached its nominal frequency.  When switching on from the STANDBY mode, the specified frequency accuracy is reached immediately. If the power switch was switched off, the reference oscillator needs some warm-up time to reach its nominal frequency. During this period of time, the output frequency does not yet reach its final value either.

## **Error Messages**

Messages indicate errors in the instrument. They are displayed in the info line in different colors depending on their importance and display duration. Errors (e.g. no calibration data) are displayed in red, information (e.g. file not found) and warnings in black. Warnings indicate less significant errors (e.g. the instrument operates outside specified data).

### **Volatile messages**

Volatile messages report automatic settings in the instrument (e.g. switching off of incompatible types of modulation) or on illegal entries that are not accepted by the instrument (e.g. range violations). They are displayed in the info line on a yellow background. They are displayed on top of status information or permanent messages.

Volatile messages do not normally demand user actions and disappear automatically after a brief period of time. They are stored in the history, however.

### **Permanent messages**

Permanent messages are displayed if an error occurs that impairs further instrument operation, e.g. a hardware fault. The error signaled by a permanent message must be eliminated before correct instrument operation can be ensured.

The message is displayed until the error is eliminated. It covers the status display in the info line. After error elimination, the message automatically disappears and is also recorded in the history.

## Alphabetical List of SCPI-Error Messages

The following list contains all error messages defined in SCPI in alphabetical order. SCPI error messages are the same in all SCPI instruments. The errors are assigned negative numbers.

The error text being entered into the error/event queue or being displayed is printed in bold face on the left together with the error code. Below the error text, there is an explanation as to the respective error.

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**Note:**

*The index provides a list of the error messages sorted according to their error codes.*

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### Block data not allowed (-168)

The command contains legal block data which are not allowed at this point.

**Example:** The command `SOURce:BB:FOFFset` requires a numeric parameter – `BB:FOFF #13a`

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

### Character data not allowed (-148)

The character data is prohibited for this command or at this point of the command.

**Example:** Command `SOUR:BB:FOFF` requires a numeric parameter.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

### Character data too long (-144)

The character data element contains more than 12 characters.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

### Command error (-100)

Generic error message that cannot detect a more specific error.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

### Data out of range (-222)

A value of the transmitted command was outside the legal range.

**Example:** Command `SOUR:BB:FOFF 50MHz` only permits entries in the range of min to max frequency.

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register

### Device-specific error (-300)

Device-specific error not defined in greater detail.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Exponent too large (-123)**

The magnitude of the exponent is too large.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Expression data not allowed (-178)**

The command contains a mathematical expression at an impermissible position.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**GET not allowed (-105)**

A Group Execute Trigger (GET) is within a command line.

**Note:** A Group Execute Trigger (GET) is only allowed at the end of a command line or in a separate command line.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Hardware error (-240)**

A legal program command or a query could not be executed because of a hardware problem in the device.

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register

**Hardware missing (-241)**

A legal program command or a query could not be executed because of a missing device hardware.

**Example:** An option is not fitted.

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register

**Header suffix out of range (-114)**

The command contains an illegal numeric suffix.

**Example:** :SOURce22 is not defined for the instrument.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Illegal parameter value (-224)**

The parameter value is invalid.

**Example:** An invalid text parameter is indicated -  
:SOUR:BB:GSM:TRIG:SOUR TASTe

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register



**Invalid block data (-161)**

The command contains illegal block data.

**Example:** An END message was received before the expected number of data had been received or no numeric data element is sent after the introductory #

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Invalid character (-101)**

The command contains an invalid sign.

**Example:** A header contains an ampersand, "SOURCE&".

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Invalid character data (-141)**

The command contains an invalid value indication.

**Example:** ON is indicated instead of a numeric value for frequency setting -  
SOUR:BBIN:FOFF ON

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Invalid separator (-103)**

The command contains an impermissible sign instead of a separator.

**Example:** A semicolon is missing after the first command in a command line with several commands -  
"SOURce:BBIN:FOFFset 2MHz CFACTOR -2.5dB".

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Invalid suffix (-131)**

The suffix is not appropriate for this command.

**Example:** nHz is not defined.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Missing parameter (-109)**

The command does not contain the required parameters.

**Example:** Command :SOUR:BBIN:FOFFset requires the indication of a parameter - "SOURce:BBIN:FOFFset; CFACTOR -2.5dB"

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**No error (0)**

This message is output if the error queue does not contain entries.

**Numeric data not allowed (-128)**

The command contains a numeric data element the device does not accept in this position.

**Example:** The command :SOUR:BB:DM:COD requires an alphanumeric parameter - SOUR:BB:DM:COD GSM.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Out of memory (-225)**

The storage space available in the instrument is exhausted.

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register

**Parameter not allowed (-108)**

The command contains too many parameters.

**Example:** Command SOURce:BBIN:FOFFset permits only one frequency indication - ":BBIN:OFFSet 30 kHz, 40 kHz".

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Program mnemonic too long (-112)**

The header contains more than 12 characters.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Query interrupted (-410)**

This query has been interrupted.

**Example** After a query, the instrument receives new data before the response has been sent completely.

**SCPI:** Query error - error in data request - sets bit 2 in the ESR register.

**Query unterminated (-420)**

This query is missing or incomplete.

**Example** The instrument is addressed as a talker and receives incomplete data.

**SCPI:** Query error - error in data request - sets bit 2 in the ESR register.

**Query deadlocked (-430)**

This query cannot be processed.

**Example** The input and output buffers are full, the instrument cannot be operated.

**SCPI:** Query error - error in data request - sets bit 2 in the ESR register.

**Queue overflow (-350)**

This error code is entered into the queue instead of the actual error code if the queue is full. It indicates that an error has occurred but not been recorded in the queue. The original error message is lost.

**Remedy:** Reading out the error messages e.g. with command  
`SYSTem:ERRor:ALL?` clears the error queue.

**SCPI:** Device specific error- sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Self test failed ... (-330)**

An error was detected in the selftest named after the semicolon. An error-free operation of the module concerned is no longer guaranteed.

**SCPI:** Device specific error- sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Settings conflict ... (-221)**

There is a setting conflict between the two parameters indicated after the semicolon.

**Example:** The set FSK deviation is too large for the selected symbol rate.

**Remedy** One of the given values has to be corrected to obtain a valid output signal.

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register

**String data not allowed (-158)**

The command contains a legal string data element which is not allowed at this point.

**Example:** A text parameter is set in quotation marks.  
`SOURce:BBIN:MODE "ANAL" .`

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Suffix not allowed (-138)**

A suffix is not allowed for this command or at this point of the command.

**Example:** Command `*RCL` does not permit indicating a suffix.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Suffix too long (-134)**

The suffix contains more than 12 characters.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Syntax error (-102)**

The command is invalid.

**Example:** The command contains block data the instrument does not accept.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**System error (-310)**

This error message suggests an error within the instrument. Please inform the R&S Service.

**SCPI:** Device specific error- sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Too many digits (-124)**

The decimal numeric data element contains too many digits.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

**Too much data (-223)**

More data were sent by the host than the instrument can handle.

**SCPI:** Execution error - sets bit 4 in the ESR register

**Undefined header (-113)**

The sent command header has not been defined.

**Example:** Header ": \*XYZ " or " : SOURCE& " is undefined for every instrument.

**SCPI:** Command error - sets bit 5 in the ESR register

## Alphabetical List of Device-Specific Error Messages

The following list contains all error messages specific of the instrument in alphabetical order. The positive error codes mark the errors specific of the instrument.

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### Adjustment data invalid (183)

Adjustment data are invalid and must be restored.

**Remedy:** The adjustment data have to be generated again by an internal or external adjustment or to be loaded into the instrument.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

### Adjustment data missing (182)

Adjustment data are missing.

**Remedy:** The adjustment data have to be generated first by an internal or external adjustment or to be loaded into the instrument.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

### Adjustment failed (180)

Adjustment could not be executed

**Remedy:** The adjustment data have to be generated first by an internal or external adjustment or to be loaded into the device (see section Adjustment).

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

### Cannot access the EEPROM (202)

A error occurs when writing or reading a EEPROM.

**Example:** The EEPROM is defect.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

### Cannot access hardware (200)

The data transmission to a module was unsuccessful.

**Example:** The module is not installed, not properly installed or missing.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Cannot open file (460)**

The selected file can not be opened.

**Remedy:** Check the path and file name.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Cannot read file (462)**

The file can not be read.

**Example:** The file contents are not compatible with the file type.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Cannot write file (461)**

The file can not be written.

**Example:** The file is read-only.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Driver initialization failed (204)**

Initialization of a driver fails when booting the instrument firmware

**Example:** The driver is not compatible with the hardware or software configuration of the instrument.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**File contains invalid data (465)**

The selected file contains data that is not valid for the file type. The file extension determines the data that is valid for this file type. If the file extension is changed the lists are no longer recognized and the data are therefore invalid.

**Example:** The extension of a waveform file (= \*.vv) was changed to \*.txt.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Filename missing (463)**

The desired operation cannot be executed because the file name is not specified.

**Example:** A file name has to be entered when creating a new list.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Hardware revision out of date (201)**

A later version of certain parts of the instrument is necessary to execute the function selected.

**Example:** The driver does not support the installed version of a module.  
**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Invalid EEPROM data (203)**

Reading a EEPROM is possible, however the data are inconsistent.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Invalid filename extension (464)**

The file extension is not valid for the desired operation.

**Example:** The file extension for waveform list files is \*.wv. It is not possible to enter another file extension when storing a list.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**No current list (241)**

There is no list selected. To execute the desired operation a list has to be selected in the related menu. If no list is available, a new list must be created.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**This modulation forces other modulations off (140)**

A modulation has been switched on which cannot be used at the same time as an already active modulation. The previous modulation has been switched off.

**Example:** Enabling modulation GSM/EDGE switches any active digital modulation off.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Unknown list type specified (242)**

The list type selected is not valid for the desired operation

**Example:** The file extension for waveform list files is \*.wv. It is not possible to enter another file extension when selecting a list.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register

**Waveform Protected (261)**

The selected waveform file cannot be transferred to a controller. The waveform is produced with simulation software WinIQSIM and is protected.

**SCPI:** Device-specific error - sets bit 3 in the ESR register





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